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B. S. BALIGA,
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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE 1764

(VOL. No. **XXXIX.**)

No. 1.

To the Hon~ble Charles Crommelin Esqr.

President & Governor &c^a. Council of Bombay.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

The Occasion of this Letter is to enclose to you our Account Current with His Majestys 89 Regiment which we request you will tender to Colonel Morris or the Commanding Officer for the time being and receive from him the Ballance due to the Company being nine thousand Pagodas or Bombay Rupees twenty eight thousand eight hundred giving us Credit for the same.

Enclosed is a Bill of Exchange on Major Munro for Bombay Rupees sixteen hundred payable to your Honor &c^a. being the amount of five hundred Pagodas advanced here to Lieutenant Bailie on account of His Majestys 89 Regiment, as mention'd in the Account Current.

We expect the Deptford from Bengal to fill up here for Europe, and hope we may be able to dispatch her in the course of next Month with a full Lading.

We are

Fort S^t. George — Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

4th. Jan~ry. 1764. — Your most Obedient humble Servant [s]

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Jno. Call.

List of the packet to Bombay.

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Fort S^t. George — Willm. Aldersey

4th. January 1764. — *Sec^y.*

No. 2.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ship Pitt Capt. Jackson arrived here Yesterday and enclosed is a Packet We received by her for your Presidency; she touched at Rio Janeiro from which Port the Speaker sailed the 24th. of August for Bombay.

The Lord Clive came in from the Bay the 5th. Instant, being partly laden with Stores for Bencoolen to which Place she will proceed after taking on Board our Consignments for that Settlement. The Pitt will pursue her Destination to China.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
8th. January 1764.

Robert Palk.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Thomas Heath.
John Call.

No. 3.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have received your Letter dated the 2d. Instant giving your Reasons for having delivered to Hussain and Rustum Ally Cawn, the Cowle for the Salt Farm transmitted to you with our Letter of the 16th. Ultimo, which we approve. As that for the Arrack Farm will expire the 12th. of next Month, you will be pleased to advertise for Proposals to rent the same for the ensuing year, and send us those you may receive in Consequence by the 1st. of February for our determination.

Your transmitting to us a Manifest of the Piece Goods shipped on board the Monmouth Ketch for Madras meets with our approbation though We apprehend the Custom is already paid to the Renter of that Farm.

You have our permission to come to Madras for a few Days to settle your Affairs as you have desired.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Ft. St. George
10 January 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richard Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
J. Call.

No. 4.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Lord Clive arrived the 6th. Instant with your Letter of the 8th. December.

The Cloths wanted by your Military Agent are by this time We hope supplied by the British King; being in great want of Gunneys and Packing Stuff we are to request of you to supply us with as large a Quantity as you can find conveyance for by the earliest Opportunities.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ship Pitt Capt. Jackson arrived here the 7 Instant, she left England the 25 of May and touched at Rio Janeiro, from which Port the Speaker sailed the 20th. August for Bombay.

We take the Opportunity of forwarding to you by this Ship the Fort William a Box Packet received by the Pitt for your Presidency.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servants

Ft. St. George
14th. January 1764.

Robert Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richard Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Jno. Call.

No. 5.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 9th. Instant advising of your having sent up the 24 Bales of Brown Cloth you were under the Necessity of landing from the Success, with Invoice and Bill of Lading thereof enclosed. We do not find the Vessell is yet arrived.

We desire you will enquire and inform us as soon as you can at what rate good Black Palmeiras for building or other Palmeiras may be provided in your Neighbourhood and conveyed to Madras including Freight and other charges as we shall supply ourselves by that means for our occasions if it will answer.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Ft. St. George
19th. January 1764.

Robert Palk.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
J. Call.

No. 6.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter dated the 5th. Inst.

You may send up with your Bales such of the Cloth as you may have remaining brown, in the mean time you must take care to get as much of it bleached as possible.

As you represent the Europe Cable remaining in your Stores to be unserviceable as a Cable you may dispose of it or apply it to any use it will serve for and write it off to Profit & Loss.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Ft. St. George
19 Janry 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
John Call.

No. 7.

To Mr. John Calland
at Cuddalore.

Sir

We have received your Letter dated the 15th. Instant enclosing the Accounts of your Settlement for last Month.

On looking over your Accounts We observe you charge 5 Pagodas a Month for House Rent. You are to have the same Allowances as Mr. Turner the late Chief from the end of September from which time therefore the said Charge of House Rent is to be deducted.

You must in future have a seperate Head of Hospital Charges and not bring them to account under Charges General as we observed you have heretofore done, at the End of the Year they may be carried to Charges General.

In your Hospital Accounts there is one Andrew Pilot a French Prisoner charged which should have been placed under the Head of French Prisoners, but you will acquaint us how he came to be at Cuddalore.

We remark likewise that a Charge is made for digging a Grave for an European Soldier—this ought to have been and must in future be defrayed out of his own pay, and for that purpose, if a non Commissioned Officer or private Man dies on or before the 15th. of the Month he is to be struck off the Roll at the end of the Month, but if he dies after the 15th. he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month in order to provide for the funeral Charges.

When the Neptune Schooner arrives at Cuddalore you will send by her such Bales as you may have in readiness and the rest are to be forwarded to us by the Pitt which will be ordered to call at Cuddalore for that purpose on her return from Tondy whether she will shortly be dispatched with Stores.

In regard to the Turned out Cloth remaining in your Godowns such as you think may be taken at the abated Price you will reçeive and return the rest to the Merchants charging them with a double custum of ten ℔ Cent agreably to the established practice. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
19TH. JANRY. 1764.

SIR
Your affectionate Friends

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
JNO. CALL.

No. 8.

TO JOHN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter dated the 3d. Instant.

As you represent the Necessity of repairing the Guard Houses to shelter the Men from the Inclemencies of the Weather you have our permission to make such and such only as may be absolutely necessary for that purpose in which you are to observe the utmost frugality and here we must remark that when the Seapoys in this Garrison are not upon Guard they contrive to provide themselves with Hutts to live in, so that the Guard Houses are only intended to be made use of when they are on Duty.

We had better put up with the Loss of the Cloth than be at the Expence of keeping a Vessel to bring it away in case your Settlement should be attacked. We only meant that you should take every precaution in your power to secure the Companys effects in case there should be a prospect of such an Event which we hope will not be the case.

We shall send you in a few days a List of the Investment to be provided this year at your settlement with the necessary Directions on that subject for your guidance.

With respect to servants if at anytime more packers are necessary whilst your Cloth is embaling you may hire so many and no more and discharge them immediately after but for your present Investment We fear the two Packers allowed will be quite sufficient to serve for Cooleys in sorting the Cloth.

The Establishment for the Expences of your Settlement was made when Mr. Pigot was at the Board who thought it fully sufficient and of which he must have been a Competent Judge from his long Residence at Vizagapatam. You are not therefore to expect any further allowance of servants except when you shall make it appear to be indispensibly necessary for conducting the business of your Settlement which at present is reduced to a very narrow compass and with respect to your particular application for Coneycoplys in your Letter of the 9th. October last We are of opinion that the Company's Business would always be much better carried on without them where the Services can be dispensed with.

A Surgeon shall be appointed to your Settlement as you desire.

In answer to the application made in your Letter of the 23d. September concerning Mr. Smith's Allowances, as Mr. Heath continued in the Chiefship of Vizagapatam some time after Mr. Smith's arrival there, he can only be entitled to his usual Allowances during that Period.

Mr. John Smith has already had Notice from our Secretary of his being appointed of Council in consequence of the Vacancy occasioned by the Departure of Mr. Pigot the late President for England and the Death of Mr. Heath which happened on the 18th. Instant having made another Vacancy Mr. Stratton was appointed a Member of the Board and he is therefore to take the first convenient opportunity of coming to Madras. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
25TH. JAÑRY. 1764.

GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
ROBERT PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
SAMUEL ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

No. 9.

TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH JACKSON
OF SHIP PITT

SIR

After having performed the Service on which you are now destined to Tondy, you are to call at Cuddalore to receive on board such Bales as Mr. Calland may have in readiness to send up by you, and then make the best of your way back to this Place.

In case you should be so fortunate as to get a Main Mast for your Ship or should find it necessary to take out the One you now have whilst you are to the Southward, you have our Permission to do so, notwithstanding the former part of these Orders being carefull that you take up no more time than is absolutely necessary for that purpose.

ROBERT PALK
&CA. COUNCIL.

DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE THE 26TH. JANUARY 1764.

No. 10.

TO WILLIAM HORNBY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 3d. Instant advising the Arrival of our Hoñble Masters Ship Speaker with you and We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Pitt which left the Speaker at Rio Janeiro the 24th. of August imported here the 7th. Instant.

The Lord Clive arriv'd here from Bengal the 6th. Instant & is now under Dispatch for the West Coast.

We expect the Deptford from Bengal in next month to compleat her Loading here & receive her Dispatches for Europe.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JANY. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRANCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
R. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

P.S.—We inclose under flying seal for your Perusal a Letter to the President & Council of Bombay in hopes that you may be able to pay some attention to the request made to them concerning a supply of Timber and Plank.

No. 11.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELINE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you the last under the 4th. & 8th. Instt. of which duplicates are inclosed.

Being in great want of Timber & Plank for the Companys buildings and other occasions, We request you will be pleased to give the necessary orders to the Chief & Council of Tellicherry to procure a quantity according to the Dimensions describ'd in the accompanying Indent, as we may probably have it in our Power to send to Your side one of the Companys Ships from from [*sic*] Bengal to bring it Round—of which we shall give you the earliest Notice, that in case such an oppertunity should not offer some other conveyance may be provided—We send this under a flying seal inclos'd to Mr. Hornby in hopes he may be able to take measures for providing the Timber & Plank in Expectation of your Orders.

Enclos'd is Lieutt. Bailies second of Excha. on Major Munro, for Bombay Rupees sixteen hundred the first of which accompany'd our Letter of the 4th. Instant.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JANY. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRANCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Box of Gold landed here from the Hector will be sent round to Anjengo in a day or two by Capt. Price.

INDENT of Timber referr'd to in the General Letter to the President & Council of BOMBAY dated 27th. Jany. 1764.

Timbers of 24 to 30 feet long & 12 to 15 Inches Square ...	60
Do. of 42 Ditto Do. & 16 to 18 Do.	20
Do. of 18 Do. Do. & 12 Ditto	100
Joists of 6 Inches Square any length	200
Planks from 6 Inches thick to 1 inch of any Length and breadth but the thickest to be the Broadest	2000

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JANUARY 1764.

W. ALDERSEY
Secy.

No. 12.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclos'd is Duplicate of our last under the 24th. Inst. We have since receiv'd your favour of the 29th. Decemr.

Mr. Colly Lyon Lucas who came out in 1762, in Quality of a Surgeon to His Majestys Troops having at Different times been advanc'd Money on accot. of the subsistance due to him from his Majesty. He has offer'd to repay part of it by drafts on the Paymaster of the 84th. Regiment in Bengal & has accordingly given Bills on him for £250 Payable to your Honour &ca. the first of which we inclose & desire you will receive the Amount & give us Credit for the same.

By Letter from Tellicherry we learn that our Honble Masters Ship Speaker arriv'd there the 7th. of last Month.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Hum. Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JANUARY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRANCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM : ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

No. 13.

TO THOMAS WHITEHILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

We take the oppertunity of forwarding to you by the Monmouth Ketch the Box of Venetians consigned to you from Bombay which we landed from the Hector last year, as mention'd in the Letters of the 2d. July & 22d. November. The Bill of Lading for which is inclos'd with the Letters addressed to

you from Bombay & Tellicherry by the Hector relating to that Consignment. We before acquainted you that We shou'd detain here the ten thousand Rupees consign'd to you from Tellicherry by the Hector, & the small arms from Bombay, for which we have given that Presidency our Credit.

Our Hoñble Master's Ship Pitt from England Arriv'd with us the 6th. Instant.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. JANUARY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRANCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM : ARDLEY.
CHARLES TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

No. 14.

To JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

On examining the accounts of your setlement to the 31st. of Octor. last It is observ'd that Packing the Companys Bales is charg'd at the rate of two Pagodas and nine fanams for each Bale. At this place the Export Warehousekeeper does it by contract at two Current Pags. ℔ Bale, & We recomend that henceforward it be in the same footing with you.

We are,
SIR,
Your affectionate Friend[s]

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. FEBY. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRANCE.
C. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAMUEL ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

No. 15.

To JOHN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

On Examining the accounts of your Setlement to the 31st. of October last It is observ'd that packing the Companys Bales, is charged at the rate of two Madras Pags. for each Bale. At this place the Export Warehousekeeper

does it by Contract at two Current Pag^s^. ℔ Bale, We Recommend that henceforward it be on the same footing with you.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
1ST. FEB^Y^. 1764.

ROB^T^. PALK.
STR^R^. LAWRANCE.
CHA^S^. BOURCHIER.
R^D^. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHA^S^. TURNER.
JOHN CALL.

N°. 16.

TO JOHN CALLAND ESQ^R^.
AT CUDDALORE.

SIR

The Accounts of Cuddalore to the 31st. Octob^r^. last having passed the Examination of Our Committee of Accounts enclosed are some Remarks which have been made thereon & you will in consequence acquaint Us how it happen'd that M^r^. Sinclair who only drew pay as Surgeons Mate for August Receiv'd Surgeons pay in September. In regard to M^r^. Buchanan as he has been a Surgeon on Board of one of His Majesty's Ships & was well Recommended he was therefore Entertain'd as a surgeon when we were in much want of one & he is permitted to receive pay as such.

In the Bills of Hospital Charges every Mans Name should be inserted which must be a constant Rule with you in future.

We are
SIR
Your affect^t^. Friends

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
1ST. FEBRUARY 1764.

ROB^T^. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRANCE.
CHA^S^. BOURCHIER.
RICH^D^. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHA^S^. TURNER.

N°. 17.

TO M^R^. JOHN CALLAND
AT CUDDALORE.

SIR

You will be pleased on receipt of this to provide a Dozen of the best Black Cattle you are able of which Ten must be Cows & two Bulls to be sent to Fort Marlbro' in the Lord Clive which will be despatch'd from hence in two or

three days & call at Cuddalore for them. You will therefore take care to have them in readiness against her arrival that she may not be detain'd.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
1st. Feby. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrance.
Chas. Bourchier.
Rd. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 18.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort Marlbrough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favor of the 4th. June by way of Batavia we have receiv'd in Triplicate.

We hope the Leopard & Syren Snow also the Ship Prince Henry & Snow Luconia which call'd here in their way from Bombay arriv'd safely at Fort Marlbro' with the supply's sent you last season, as we observe your demands were pressing we wish it had been in our power to have given the two former an earlier Dispatch more Effectually to have prevented your Wants, which we shall allways with the greatest chearfullness endeavor to do to the utmost of our power.

The President and Council of Fort William having dispatched the Lord Clive to Us with the Supplies you requested from them for your Settlement we have put on Board her the several Articles of Your Annual Indent as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed, the former amounting to Pags. 6426–19–64.

As you requested a supply of Black Cattle in your Letter of the 18th. Octor. 1762 We have Directed Capt. Webber to call at Cuddalore, and there to take in as many as he can conveniently carry, Mr. Calland will Advise you of the Number.

The several certificates mentioned in your Letter of the 4th. of June shall be duely paid when tender'd.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that since our Advises of the 31st. July all the Ships of last Season destin'd to this side of India not then arriv'd are safely imported.

Twelve Bells sent out on the Pitt for Your Presidency are now forwarded and included in the General Invoice.

Inclosed is Extract of our Honble Master's Letter concerning the Lord Clive, we wish we had been able to supply her with a Stock for China, which the great scarcity of silver on this coast and Bengal puts out of our power, but if by any means your Honor &ca. can provide her, it will be a very acceptable service the the [*sic*] Troubles in Bengal having depriv'd the Company this season of two Ship's cargoes. If it shou'd be in your Powers to take up any Silver for China We will answer any Bills you may draw on Us.

The Ships dispatch'd for Europe from Bengal this Season, are the Boscawen, Osterly, Royal George & Pigot, We have a full Lading for the Deptford daily Expected from thence; The Ships remaining in hand will then be five in Number vizt. The British King, Earl of Midlesex, Lord Mansfield,

Winchelsea, and the Admiral Pocock Expected from Manilha. The Earl of Middlesex will perhaps be Dispatch'd to Tellicherry to fill up there, but we cannot yet say how the others will be Disposed of.

The Pitt did not arrive with us 'till the 7th. January and having sprung her Mainmast in her passage which in case a New one cannot be found to the Southward must be properly secured before she can go to Sea. She cannot therefore at present prosicute the Voyage pointed out for her by our Hon̄ble Masters with a Design of Improving the Discoveries made of the New passage to China by Captn. Wilson in the Pitts former Voyage.

We send in this ship three Delinquents and two Slaves whose Names are inserted in the List Enclosed.

Enclos'd is a Packet from the President and Council of Fort William for your Presidency.

We forward herewith two packets from the Hon̄ble Court of Directors receiv'd by the Lapwing Snow & Pitt. We had also one for your Presidency by the Pigot which being only Duplicate of that ℘ Lapwing is forwarded by Capt. Olephant, who carries Duplicate of these Advices & of the Letter Addressed to you from Bengal.

Mr. Pigot having Embarked for England in the Plassey the 14th. of Novr. Mr. Palk succeeded him in the Government of this Presidency.

We are,

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obed. & hum̄. Servts.

Fort St. George

4th. February 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrance.
Chas. Bourchier.
Rich: Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

List of Slaves & Criminals sent to Fort Marlbro' by the Ship Lord Clive.

Lizarda a Woman Slave

Telemachus a Boy Slave

Arnachalum a Carpenter }
Chinnam a Blacksmith } Criminals
Vencatachelum a Dubash }

Fort St. George 3d. February 1764.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbro' ℘ Mary Snow.

No. 1 Duplicate General Letter Dated 4th. February 1764.
2 Extract from the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George concerning the Lord Clive.
3 Abstract of the Lord Clives Invoice to Fort Marlbro'.
4 Second Bill of Lading of Ditto.
5 Packet received from Bengal for Fort Marlbro'.
6 Packet received from England for Fort Marlbro' ℘ Ship Pigot.

Fort St. George, 4 February 1764

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBROUGH ℔ LORD CLIVE.

No. 1 General Letter . . . . Dated 4th. February 1764.
2 Triplicate General Letter . . . Dated 31st. July 1763.
3 Extracts from the Compys. General Letter to Fort St. George concerning the Lord Clive.
4 List of the Delinquents & two Slaves sent to Fort Marlbro' in the Lord Clive.
5 Triplicate Copy of the Assay Masters report of Samples of Gold received from Mr. Herbert at Batavia.
6 Extract from the Minutes of Consultations of the 8th. & 27th. July relating thereto.
7 Copy of the Lord Clives Charter Party.
8 Invoice of Ship Lord Clive.
9 Bills of Lading of Ditto.
10 Packet reced. from Fort William for Fort Marlborough.
11 Packet reced. from England for Fort Marlbro' ℔ Lapwing Snow.
12 Packet reced. from England for Fort Marlbro' ℔ Ship Pitt.
13 Copy of Captain Webbers Sailing Orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

WILLM. ALDERSEY
Secy.

No. 19.

TO MR. JOHN CALLAND
AT CUDDALORE.

SIR

In case Mr. Tierney or Mr. Hunter lately Arrived at Tranquebar from the Isle of Bourbon should be at your Settlement you will acquaint them that Captain Webber has our orders to receive them on Board in case they are desirous of taking their Passage to Bencoolen.

Notwithstanding We mention'd 12 Head of Cattle in our Letter of the 2d. Instant you will put on Board the Lord Clive as many as Captn. Webber can conveniently carry & if he can also take any sheep you will Embark them.

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. FEBY. 1764.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
ROBERT PALK.
STRINGER LAWRANCE.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
SAMUEL ARDLEY.
CHARLES TURNER.

No. 20.

TO WILLIAM WEBBER
CAPTAIN OF THE LORD CLIVE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship & proceed to Cuddalore where having landed the Gunpowder & taken in as many head of

Cattle as M^r. Calland may have in readiness to send on board you are to make the best of your Way to Fort Marlborough in the West Coast of Sumatra where on your Arrival you are to Deliver the Accompanying Packet to the President & Council there whose orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings.

As M^r. Tierney & M^r. Hunter two Gentlemen belonging to the West Coast, May possibly be at Cuddalore when you arrive there, you will be pleased to receive them on Board if they should be desirouse of proceeding thither in your Ship.

We wish you a good Voyage & date this at Fort S^t. George the 4th. of February 1764.

ROBERT PALK.
STR^R. LAWRENCE.
CHA^S. BOURCHIER.
RICH : FAIRFIELD.
SAM : ARDLEY.
FORT S^T. GEORGE. CHA^S. TURNER.

N°. 21.

TO THE HON^BLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

Since writing to you the 27th. of this Month by way of Tellicherry of which a Duplicate accompanys this We have been favor'd with your Letter dated the 31st. of December.

The Monmouth Ketch having sailed hence for Anjengo the 1st. Instant We took that Oppertunity of forwarding to the Chief & Council there the Box of Gold Landed here last year from the Hector.

Lieutenant Bailey of His Majestys 89th. Regiment having represented to Us that contrary to his Expectation Major Munro has remitted to him Money sufficient for the Demands of the Detachment at this place & desired therefore, We would permit him to repay here the sum of five hundred Pagodas, advanced him on that Account, & for which he gave us Bills on Major Munro of which one Copy accompanyd our Letter to your Honor &c^a. dated the 4th. of January, we have accordingly received the said 500 Pago^s. of Lieut^t. Bailey by which means his drauft beforementioned is cancelled, & the Advances made to Major Scott are now only to be Demanded.

Inclosed is a Coppy of a Letter, Price Current & List of Ships received Yesterday from Canton, by Way of Anjengo. We hope it may be in your Honor's &c^a. Power to enlarge your Consignments this year to China, as the supplys from hence & Bengall will be very inconsiderable.

The Admiral Pocock was seen going into Manilha but we have no Acco^ts. of the Panther or Revenge.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
8TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

We are
HON^BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Hum. Servants.

ROBERT PALK.
STR^R. LAWRENCE.
CHA^S. BOURCHIER.
RICH : FAIRFIELD.
SAM : ARDLEY.
CHA^S. TURNER.

No. 22.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Letter Addressed to your Honor &ca. by the Supracargoes at Canton, came in Yesterday from Anjengo, & was immediately forwarded by the Maria Schooner Christovade Riezar, Master, & Inclosed is a Copy Letter Price Current & List of Ships by the same Conveyance, we are sorry to observe that the supplys from hence this year will be very inconsiderable of which we advised our Honble Masters by the Lapwing.

The Admiral Pocock was seen going into Manilha, but We have no accounts of the Panther or Revenge.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble servants

Fort St. George
8th. February 1764.

Robert Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Rich : Fairfield.
Sam : Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 23.

To John Calland
at Cuddalore.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 6th. Instant.

It was only on a supposition that the house Mr. Turner occupied in Cuddalore, at 25 Pags. a Month was still Employed for the Company that we order the Deduction of House Rent, as we never recd. any Intimation of the said House's having been deliver'd up to the propriator. If however this has been the Case, as it was not our Intention, to have the use of it Longer than was necessary for taking care of the Company's Effects, you will acquaint us to whom the Keys have been Delivered & Continue to draw your five Pagodas a Month as usual untill there is a Building of the Companys Provided.

You may take the first oppertunity of sending the French prisoner to Madras by Sea Conveyance.

You must always write for Informations when they are wanted, & observe it as an unvariable Rule never to Increase the Pay to any One without our privious Order.

We are
Sir
Your most Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
[2]4th. Feby. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Sam : Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 24.

To John Calland Esqr.
at Cuddalore.

Sir

We have received your Letters dated 11th. & 21st. Instant.

Mr. Call's Attorneys have been acquainted that the Keys of the House lately occupy'd by the Company at Cuddalore, are ready to be delivered up by you, to whoever they may appoint to receive them, & for which Rent is to be allowed to the end of this Month & no longer

We are,
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
25th. February 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 25.

To George Dawson
at Mazulipatam.

Sir

The proposals of Tadalapah Ramamanapah with Mr. Pybus's Letter of the 27th. January to Rent the Arrack Farm at Mazulipatam for the present year from the 12th. Instant at Rups. 5,200 are accepted of which you will acquaint him & that his Cowle shall be forwarded in a day or two.

As We are at present in great want of Silver here you must Collect all the Revenues you are able in Rupees, & endeavour to keep your Ballance in that specie untill our further Orders.

We have ordered the Indents for Medicine received with Mr. Pybus's last Letter to be Complyed with.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
25 February 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Rd. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 26.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant Bailie having occasion to Remit to Major Munro at Bombay the Sum of Pagodas 482–18 on account of His Majestys 89th. Regiment, We have on his application to us received the same into Cash here, & granted him Bills on your Honor &ca. of this date for the Amount, at the Exchange of 8 Shillings ℔ Pagoda & 2/6 ℔ Bombay Rupee making Rupees 1544 which we request you Will duely Honor.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble servants

Fort St. George
27th. February 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 27.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of the 27th. of January We enclosed a Bill of Exchange of Mr. Lucas on Lieutenant Grant Paymaster to his Majestys 84th. Regiment for £ 250 for Money advanced here on Accot. of Subsistance due to him as Surgeon to his Majestys Troops in India. Mr. Raine his Assistant having also receiv'd some advances on that Accot. has in like manner given Bills on Lieutt. Grant for the same amounting to £. 101–15s. payable to your Honor &ca. in Ten days the first of which We now enclose, desiring you will receive & give us Credit for the amount.

If Mr. Grant has any further sums on accot. of these Gentlemen, we desire it may be receiv'd into your Cash, that it may be repaid here, on your advising us, is [*sic*] We do not intend to advance them any more Cash for their Bills.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort St. George
2d. March 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
R. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM ℔ SNOW EXPERIMENT.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 2d. March 1764.

2 Duplicate Do. . . . Dated 8th. February 1764.

3 Mr. Raines first Bill of Exchange for £. 101–15s. payable to the President & Council of Fort William.

4 Copy General Letter from SupraCargoes of Council at Canton Dated 8th. November 1763.

5 Price Current of Goods at Canton } recẽd. with the above.
6 List of Ships at Canton in 1763. }

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. MARCH 1764.

No. 28.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We are favoured with your Letter of the 29th. of January.

The Gentlemen of Fort William have not yet Acquainted us with their Intentions concerning the disposition of the Companys Shipping remaining of last Season but Mr. Van Sittart in a Letter to our President mentions that the Deptford & Bute were under Dispatch for the Coast, The former to receive a Lading for Europe, & the Bute probably to be sent to Batavia, & return to Bengal with Timber & Plank. The British King they purpose furnishing with a stock for China. The Mansfield returns to Bombay Direct & The Middlesex sent to the French Islands to carry the Chinese from thence to Bencooline & then return to Bombay. As soon as We can inform your Honors &ca. with more certainty, We shall not fail to give you immediate notice.

Enclosed are Copys of two Letters from Captain Lysaught & Lieutenant Morgan on their being presented with the Accot. Current transmitted with your Letter of the 17th. of September last.

We take this Oppertunity of forwarding two Packets for Your Honor &ca. receiv'd from Fort William.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. MARCH 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ℔ PATTAMAR.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 3d. March 1764.

2 Ditto . . . Dated 27th. Feby. 1764.

3 Duplicate Do. . . . Dated 8th Ditto.

4 Copies of two Letters from Captain Lysaught & Lieutenant Morgan of the 96th. Regiment on their being presented with their Accots. Current receiv'd in a General Letter from Bombay of the 17th. Septr. 1763.

5 Copy of General Letter from the Supra Cargoes of Canton dated 8th. November 1763.

6 Price Current of Goods at Canton Dated the same day.

7 List of Ships at Canton in 1763 also of the same date.

8 Two Packets from Bengal Directed to the President & Council of Bombay.

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. MARCH 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 29.

TO MR. JOHN CALLAND
AT CUDDALORE.

SIR

As it is necessary a new Contract with your Merchants should be Entered into as soon as possible, We desire they may be ordered immediately to Madras and you will also permit them to send hither their Turn'd out Cloth, or what Quantity of it they judge proper.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. MARCH 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 30.

TO MR. JOHN CALLAND
AT CUDDALORE.

SIR

We have received your Letter dated the 4th. Instt. with your Accounts for February.

Such of the Torn Cloth of your Investment for last year as you have not occasion to make use of for Wrappers &ca. you will send to Madras by the Pitt.

We are
SIR
Your Affect. friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
12TH. MARCH 1764.

ROBERT PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 31.

To John Smith Esqr.

Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 13th. Ultimo with Accots. & papers mention'd to be Enclosed.

Your Account of the Charge of Packing the Company's Bales at Vizagapatam having been referred to the Export Warehousekeeper, he has compared it with the Charge of Packing at this Settlement, a Statement of which is inclosed by which you will observe that the Quantity of Packing stuff for each Vizagapatam Bale exceeds what is made use of here, except in the Article of Cotton & that the Quantity alloted with you to each Bale more than is used here, after allowing for the difference in the article of Cotton amounting to fannams 16-75 which being Deducted from your Estimate of the cost of each Bale will reduce it to Pags. 1–29–44 And as the Quantity of Packing stuff made use of here is judged to be fully sufficient yours may be done in the same manner & We think that your Export Warehousekeeper may undertake it on the Terms as at this Place of two Current Pagodas ℔ Bale.

Your Indent for Stores shall be Complied with as far as the several Articles can with conveniently be spared, from our stores. And you should rather insert at the foot of it, the Articles which have not been forwarded of your Old Indent, than refer to it in general terms, as you have done in the Letter now before Us.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
13th. March 1764.

Robert Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Rich: Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 32.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr.

President & Governor &ca. Council

of Fort Marlborough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you by the Lord Clive the 4th. of February, of which a Duplicate was forwarded by the Mary Snow, & We take this Opportunity of Transmitting to you Triplicate of those advices.

The several Articles of your Annual Indent were sent ℔ the Lord Clive. If you should have occasion this season for any further supplies We hope your advices will be in time for us to forward them by the Bute, which We are informed by a Letter from Mr. Van Sittart to our President is intended to call here in her way to Batavia, for a supply of Timber & Plank.

We have received by a Macao Ship, arrived in the Mallabar Coast, a Letter from the SupraCargoes at Canton dated the 8th. of November, wherein they acquaint Us that they expected at the Departure of their last years shipping to Contract a debt of 6,0000 Tales, & that they should want £ 400,000 for the ships they Expect the ensuing year. As the supply's which can be raised here, & at Bengal, this season will be very inconsiderable, We fear

that our Honble Masters will be greatly disappointed in their China Investment, unless they send out Treasure with ye. ships from Europe, which We very strongly recommended to them foreseeing that India cou'd not long be depended on, to furnish the necessary supplies for that Purpose.

It is with great concern We hear that the Earl Temple, is supposed to have been lost on the Coast of Manilha after her Departure from Batavia in May last.

Mr. Tierney who was a Hostage for the Gentlemen made Prisoners at the Capture of Fort Marlborough being lately arriv'd from the French Islands, has applied to us for an advance of a Thousand Pagodas, which We have Complied with & debted your Presidency for the same. Copy of Mr. Tierney's Letter to us on this Occasion comes enclosed, also his receipt for the Money.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hum. Servants

Fort St. George
13th. March 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Strr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
R. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
C. Turner.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlborough ℔ Ship Speedwell.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 13th. March 1764.
2 Triplicate Do. . . . Dated 4th. February 1764.
3 Copy Letter from Mr. Michael Tierney to the President & Council of Fort St. George dated 8th. March 1764.
4 His Receipt for Pagodas 1000 Advanced him by the President & Council of Fort St. George dated 13th. March 1764.
5 Abstract of Ship Lord Clive's Invoice to Fort Marlbro'.

Fort St. George
13th. March 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

No. 33.

To the Honble Roger Charles Carter Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Diligent Snow Captain Forrest being arriv'd here since closing our Advices of the 13th. Instant gives us an Oppertunity of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter dated the 21st. of November last.

We are sorry that your occasions for Money should be so pressing at a juncture when it is utterly out of our Power to send you a supply. All our endeavours to Procure either Rupees or Dollars for the purposes of the China Investment this season, which are very urgent have been ineffectual & under

these Circumstances We can only say, that We shall be ready to Honor your Bills for any sums You may be able to draw upon Us.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
15TH. MARCH 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble servants

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
R. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

No. 34.

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MASULIPATAM.

SIR

By the Bandermalanka Sloop we receiv'd the Bales you consign'd to us on the Honble Company's Account; The observations made upon Examining the Quality of those Goods we send you Inclosed for your Guidance in the Provision of Your Investments for this Year.

We cannot in Justice to Mr. Dolben avoid mentioning that We are well pleas'd with the attention, that he has given to the Provision of the Bandarmalanka Investment, & we doubt not But he will continue to Exert his utmost endeavours to improve & increase it as much as possible.

The Country Vessell on which You consign'd to us Twenty four Bales of Brown Cloth not being able to reach this Place, before the southerly Winds sett in Strong anchored Near Cattiwauck from whence the Bales have been brought hither in Massootahs; The Vessell proving leaky some of the Pieces of the Cloth were found damaged & have been deliver'd to your attorney here from whom their amount have been received.

A list of Goods to be provided at your Settlement & at Bandarmalanka for the present Year We transmitt you Inclosed. The directions contain'd therein must be attended to as strictly as possible.

We must particularly recommend to your Attention the improvement of the Quality & dye of the Chay Goods which you will observe by the remarks made on those receiv'd by the Sloop Bandarmalanka are not so good as those before Provided, The Superior quality of which & there being more reasonable than formerly was our chief motive for ordering a larger Quantity of them than had been usual.

We are of oppinion [*sic*] that the indulgence We have granted our Merchants of taking in such of their Cloth as may be rejected for being of an inferior quality to the Musters, at an abatement of Ten ℔ Ct. may be a means of increasing Your Investment & You have therefore our Permission to acquaint Your Merchants, That if they will send up their Cloth turn'd Out on that Accot. of the proper Lengths, and Breadths, either brown or white at their Own Risk, It shall be resorted here & such part as we may judge to be proper for the Companys Use, We will accept at the aforemention'd abatement which are the Terms the Merchants here, & at Cuddalore have agreed to, such part as may be totally rejected shall be deliver'd to their Agents here to be disposed of on their Own Accounts.

Ten Washing Stones of the Number You Indent'd for which are the same as are made use of here, are now sent You on the Dilligent, Your Ten more shall be forwarded by some future Conveyance.

As the Cowles for several of the Farms dependent on Mazulipatam will expire the 31st. of May next you will Advertize for Proposals to re-let them from that Period for a Term of five years, & send up to us such as You may receive in consequence by the 10th. of May for our determination with the best account You can procure of the several bidders; We are encouraged to hope from this letting your Farms for a Term of Years the Revenues will be very considerably increas'd.

A Surgeon being wanted at Vizagapatam Mr. Raine now proceeds in the Diligent Snow in order to reside there unless Mr. Maul chuse that station, in which case Mr. Raine is to remain at Mazulipatam.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE. SIR

[29TH MARCH 1764]. Your Affectt. Friends

ROBT. PALK.
STRR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

P.S. Upon examining the Brown and half-washed Cloths recd. by the Sloop Bandarmalanka to deliver to the Washers, several pieces were found to have holes in them which must have happened before they were Pack't except three pieces which seems to have been damaged by the Packg. Needle as there was no other appearance of damage on the Bales, we must desire You will recommend to Mr. Dolben to be carefull that this does not happen again, & as the Cloth can be of no use to the Company, You will please to acquaint him, he must order his Attorney to receive it of the Warehousekeeper & Pay the Compy. what they have been charged for it; An Account of the several Pieces damaged You [*sic*] have inclos'd.

REMARKS ON THE GOODS RECD. FROM MASULIPATAM & BANDARMALANKA ℔ SLOOP BANDARMALANKA FEBRY. 1764.

BANDARMALANKA INVESTMENT.

LONG CLOTH ORDINARY	No. 1, 2	Not of quite so much substance as the muster but in general good Cloth.
	3	Rather better than the Muster.
DITTO MIDLING ..	No. 1, 2, 3	Equal in Quality with the Muster.
DITTO FINE ..	No. 1	Not quite so even wove, or equal substance with the Muster.
	2	Of equal Goodness with the Muster.
	3	Rather better than the Muster.
IZZARIES ..		Equal with the Muster in Quality.

MAZULIPATAM INVESTMENT.

ROMALLS ..	No. 1	Is not of so deep a dye, or the Cloth of so much substance as the Muster and the Checks not so even.
	2	The Cloth is of more substance than No. 1 but rather thiner than the Muster, & the Dye rather too Pale.

CALLIAPORES ..	No. 1	Is neither of so deep a dye, or the Cloth of so much substance as the Muster.
	2	The Cloth better in substance than No. 1 but rather inferior to the Muster, & the Dye not so good.
SASTRA CUNDIES ..	No. 1, 2	The Cloth of equal Goodness wt. the Muster, but the dye not so good.
ALLIJARS ..	No. 1	The Cloth of equal goodness with the Muster, but the dye is not deep enough and the Checks uneven.
	2	Not equal to the Muster either in substance or dye and the checks uneven.

FORT ST. GEORGE
26th. MARCH 1764 [*sic*].

CHAS. BOURCHIER.
Expt. W. H. Keeper.

ACCOUNT of TORN CLOTH reced. from BANDARMALANKA ℔ SLOOP BANDARMALANKA VIZT.

		Pieces.		Pags.
LONG CLOTH	Ordinary Brown ..	7		
	White half Washed ..	13		
		—	20 @ 39—21—48 ℔ Current	39—21—48
DITTO	Midling Brown ..	2		
	White half Wash'd ..	7		
		—	9 @ 52—28—64 ℔ Ditto	23—27—28
DITTO	Fine Ditto ..		10 @ 66— — ℔ Ditto	33— —
				Pags. 105—34—36 [*sic*]

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th. MARCH 1764.

CHAS. BOURCHIER.
Expt. W. H. Kr.

A LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT MAZULIPATAM IN 1764.

ROMALS	Masulipatam Twenty four Covids long and 1½ Broad the patterns varrying but most of the Sastra Cundie pattarns, the Borders of the whole to be the same as Usual and to be without Conjee and Glasing Pieces ..	3000
SASTRA CUNDEES	16 Covids Long and 2 Covids broad of bright Red ..	1000
CALLIAPORES	16 do. 2 do. Do. ..	1000
ALLEJARS	16 do. 2 do. Do. ..	800

A Bale or two of different sorts of Romalls both Coarse and fine & a Bale of Ordinary Ginghams of different broad strips & of a bright Chay, may be provided for Tryall and a few of any sorts of Goods Mr. Pybus may think will do for Europe.

The Madras Ginghams are 16 Covids long & two Covids broad and wove of four threads, If those provided at Mazulipatam could be made of the same dimensions & texture at a proportionable advance in the Price to what those last sent cost, they would be most acceptable.

All the settlements are directed to Transmitt annually on [*sic*] Account Drawn on Collumns Vizt. the first specifying the Quantity Order'd, the second the Quantity sent & the 3d. the reason drawn Concisely why the Orders could not be complied with.

The Chay Goods reced. by the Sloop Bandarmalanka in General are not so good either in quality or dye as what have been before provided as our chief motive for ordering a large quantity last year than before was their being much superior to what were formerly provided as well as cheaper, great care must be taken that they are made of equal goodness to the Muster in every respect.

FORT ST. GEORGE
26 MARCH 1764. [*sic*]

CHAS. BOURCHIER
Expt. W.H. Keepr.

No. 35.

TO JOHN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

A few Bales of the Cargoe You consigned Us by the Ship Union being taken out of her Wreck and rewashed has given Us an oppertunity to Examine the Quality of the Cloth, The remarks thereon we transmitt You enclosed and cannot avoid taking notice, that in general this cloth is very indifferent and much inferior to what was formerly provided at Your Settlement; The difference between Your Investment and that at Bandarmalanka is inconceivable.

In our several Letters of last Year You were fully acquainted with our Intentions in regard to the method of providing Your Investment which we are concern'd to observe You have not yet been able to Comply with, from the obstinacy of your Merchants their conduct herein is very unaccountable to us, for we are well assur'd they must reap a greater advantage from the Prices they are now allowed, than they did at the rates they contracted with the Chiefs on formerly; We cannot therefore doubt but there must be some latent Cause for there acting so Mysteriousely, which We most Earnestly recommend to You to use Your utmost endeavors to discover which probably may be the means of establishing Your Investment again on the advantagious footing It formerly was to Our Hon'ble Masters; but we can entertain no favorable hopes of it as long as Your Merchants persists in behaving as they have done of late & which if they continue to do the advantages arrising from Your investment will not be adiquate to the Expences of Your Settlement that it will be more for the Honble Company's Interest to withdraw the Factory than to carry on any Trade there.

Amongst the Musters which Mr. Smith carryed with him from hence, were some Moories Fine & Ordinary, & a Piece of Lampasses for Chintz, such as we make use of here for Painting, We now send You also (by Captn. Forrest in a Parcel) of each sort one Piece more. The Chintz Ordered by our Honble Masters in the List of Investments You will herewith receive, You will order to be Painted on Cloth as nearly of the same Sorts as these Musters as Possible. As soon as We have sorted and Embaled the Chintz We are Preparing to go on in the Deptford We will furnish You by the first conveyance afterwards with some of our Patterns, in the mean time You may make use of such Patterns as you are Provided with.

Our Honble Masters in their List of Investments having order'd some Beeteelas Plain & Flowered such as were sent them by the Eastcourt in the Year 1756. Upon reference to our Invoice by that ship it Appears those Goods were Provided by the Chief of Ingeram but we understand were Manufactured at Upparra, the Prices they were than Invoiced for were as follows.

BETEELAS of 2 Covids Plain, 2 Covids Wide, & 31 Covids Long at Pagodas 92 ₱ Corge.

DITTO. of 2 Covs. Flower'd 2 Covs. Wide, & 31 Covs. Long at Pagodas 120 ₱ Corge.

If you can Provide them at the same Prices we would have you Provide the quantity order'd in the List of Investment, as well as the Bordered Handkerchiefs, if they can be done in the manner & in the Terms therein recommended.

As we are desirous of trying every Method of Increasing the Investment, we Imagine were we to allow Your Merchants the same Indulgence as We have ours here & at Cuddalore of accepting their turn'd out Cloth of full Measure at an Abatement, It may be a Means of Obtaining a much larger Quantity than You have yet been able to Procure, & put a Stop in some degree to their carrying all that is rejected by You, as is alledged, to the Dutch. You have our permission therefore to acquaint Your Merchants that if they will send Up their Cloth that may be turn'd out for being inferior in quality to the Musters, but of the proper dimensions, Either Brown or White at their own Risk, it shall be resorted here, and such part as we Judge may be proper for the Companys Use we will take it at an abatement of Ten ℔ Cent which are the Terms the Merchants here and at Cuddalore have agreed to. Such part as may be totally rejected shall be delivered to their Agents here to be disposed of on their own Account.

We have appointed Mr. William Barker to fill up the Vacancy at Your Settlement occasion'd by the Removal of Mr. Stratton to the Presidency and as Mr. Smith has applied to the President for leave to come hither for a short time he has our permition.

In consequence of Your Application for a Surgeon Mr. Raine now proceeds to Mazulipatam from hence, either he or Mr. Smith will repair to Your Settlement.

We take this oppertunity of forwarding a part of Your Indent agreeable to an Invoice & Bill of Lading Enclosed.

Your Letter of the 6th. Instt. has been duely recd.

FORT ST. GEORGE
*26TH. MARCH 1764. [*sic*]

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM: ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO. STRATTON.

REMARKS on the Goods from VIZAGAPATAM being a part of the Ship Union's Cargo and saved out of the Wreck.

		Corge		
LONG CLOTH FINE No. 2	..	4		The Cloth in General too thin and wants. in substance.
DITTO MIDLING No 2	..	2	10	As this finis too thin & wanting in substance.
3	..	—	5	
DITTO. ORDINARY No. 2		3	—	Very thin & wanting in substance.
3		6	—	
		—	6	So very thin & bad as to be Entirely Unfit for the Company's use.
		9	— 6	

* In the Diary and Public Consultation volume, 1764, this letter is said to be dated 29th March 1764.

It is observed of the above Cloth, that the greatest part is little more than Two Covids wide & tho' great allowance may be made, for its having lain sometime in Salt Water & been rewashed which may have occasion'd it to shrink something Yet from it's being so much narrower than it ought to be There is room to beleive it was not of its proper breadth 2¼ when first taken in Brown, Great care must be taken as to this particular & to keep the Cloths up to other proper Measure.

Fort St. George
26 March 1764. [*sic*]

Chas. Bourchier
Expot. W.Hos. Kr.

Remarks—A List of goods to be provided at Vizagapatam in 1764.

Long Cloth Ordinary	72 Covids Long &	2¼ broad pieces	15,000.
Long Cloth Midling	72 Ditto	2¼ Ditto	6,000.
Long Cloth Fine	72 Ditto	2¼ Ditto	3,000.
Beteelas Plain such as recd. per Eastcourt 1756 mark'd I Two Covids broad			100
Ditto Flowered Ditto		Do.	100

If any Plain Beteelas of the Quality of those procur'd of two Covids wide can be made into Handkerchiefs and bordered so as to be exactly square, taking care the borders are a little varied, You may send two Hundred Pieces (200).

The Greatest care must be taken that the Goods of all sorts be of the proper measure & if the Merchants can be prevail'd upon, to make the different sortments of the Cloths of the Number of Punjums before recommended, It will be most agreeable.

A few Bales of each sort of Cloth must be sent to Europe without Conjee, & must be particularly distinguished in the Invoice.

A few Chints were provided at Vizagapatam in the Year 1755 which were much liked in Europe, You are therefore directed to encourage the Painting of more of the same kind, observing that they be done with a Variaty of large Beautifull Patterns & ⅓ part of different Grounds & the Colour very lively.

Observe that the Gunneys & other Packing stuff be Exceeding Good.

All the Settlements are directed to transmitt annually an Accot. drawn in Collumns Vizt. The 1st. specifying the Quantity ordered The 2d. the quantity sent, the 3d. The reasons drawn concisely why the orders could not fully be complyed with.

Fort St. George
26 March 1764. [*sic*]

Chas. Bourchier
Expt. Wr.Hos.Kr.

No. 36.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Diligent Snow Captain Forrest having arrived here the 18th. in her way to Your Presidency, We have supplied her with the Stores she was much in want of, an Account of which is enclosed & we have taken this oppertunity of forwarding by her some stores for our Northern Settlements.

Lieutenant Hodsden of the 84th. Regiment who arriv'd here in the Liverpool having requested an advance of 150 Pagos. or sixty Pounds Sterling on Accot. of the Detachment under his command We advanced that Sum for

Bills on Lieutenant Grant payable to your Honor &c^a^. the first of which is enclosed, & we desire You will be pleased to receive and give us Credit for the Amount.

We are

Fort S^T^. George
29TH. March 1764.

Hon^BLE^ Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble servants

Rob^T^. Palk.
Str: Lawrence.
Cha^S^. Bourchier.
Rich^D^. Fairfield.
Sam: Ardley.
Cha^S^. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the packet to Fort William ℘ Snow Diligent.

N°. 1 General Letter . . . dated 29th. March 1764.

2 M^r^. Hodsdens first Bill of Exchange for £ 60 payable to the President & Council there.

3 Account Current of Stores supplied the Snow Diligent at Fort St. Geo.

4 Coppy Captain Forrests Sailing Orders.

Fort S^T^. George
30 March 1764.

W. Aldersey
Secr^y^.

N°. 37.

To Captain Thomas Forrest
of the Snow Diligent.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Mazulipatam where after Landing the Stores you have on board for that settlement you are to proceed to Vizagapatam and deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief and Council there with the Stores consigned thither, you are then without Delay to procecute your Voyage to the River of Bengal pursuant to the Instructions you have recev'd [*sic*] from the President and Council of Fort Marlborough.

Dated in Fort S^t^. George the 30th. March 1764.

Robert Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Char^s^. Bourchier.
Rich^D^. Fairfield.
Sam^L^. Ardley.
Cha^S^. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 38.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are favoured with your two Letters Dated ye. 1st. & 4th. of Last Month.

In our Letter of the 8th. February We acquainted your Honour &ca. that Lieutenant Bailey had repaid here the sum of Ps. 500 advanced him for Bills on Major Munro & as that Gentleman declines repaying the sum taken up by Major Scott on Account of His Majestys 89th. Regiment We shall advice our Honble Masters thereof by the first opportunity that measures may be taken for receiving the same in England.

We now enclose to your Honor &ca. our Account Current with your Presidency to the 30th. April 1763.

We are

Fort St. George
3d. April 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 39.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you by the Diligent Snow the 29th. of March a Duplicate of which comes enclosed we are to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favor dated the 6th. February by the Deptford which arrived with us the 7th. Instant. We shall endeavor to compleat her Lading and give her Final Dispatches to Europe by the End of the Month.

Enclosed is Lieutenant Hodsdens second of Exchange on Lieutenant Grant for the Amount of 150 Pags. advanced him here on account of his Majestys 89th. Regiment payable to your Honor &ca. the First of which accompanyed our Letter by the Diligent.

We now transmitt to your Honor &ca. our Account Current with your Presidency to the 30th. April 1763.

We are

Fort St. George
10th. April 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servants

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 40.

To the Honble Chas. Crommelin Esqr.
President Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you last under Date the 3d. Instant of which a Duplicate is Enclosed.

His Majestys Ship the Panther arrived here from Batavia the 3d, instant having lost her Passage last Season to Manilha for which Place she saild hence in August. The same Misfortune happen'd also to the Revenge which saild for Manilha the 23d. of that Month & both bore away for Batavia, from whence Captain Watson has drawn upon us for Disbursements on the ships Acct. to the Amount of Rix Dollars 8578–14 although he was advanced Pags. 2500 before he left this Place to supply his Ship with Stores of all kinds, Captain Watson sail'd for Manilha by the Pitts Passage ye. 13th. Decr. on his return hither we shall make further Enquiry into the necessity of these Charges and transmitt to you an Account thereof by the Return of that Ship to your Presidency.

As the Gentlemen at Bengal have taken Measures for employing all the ships remaining on hand, We shall not be able to send one to bring Round the Timbers & Plank we desired might be collected in our Letter of the 27th. January, and therefore request that your Honor &ca. will provide a Conveyance when an opportunity offers.

Enclosed are two Packets for your Honor &ca. from Bengal receiv'd by the Deptford wch. arrived the 7th. Inst. & We hope will be dispatch'd home by the last of the Month.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servts.

Fort St. George
10th. April 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geore. Stratton.

No. 41.

To William Hornby Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 6th. of March.

As we shall not be able to send a ship from hence to bring round the Timber & Plank you have ordered to be provided for us at Callicut, We have

desired the President & Council of Bombay to provide a Conveyance for them if possible from your Side & We shall be glad to be inform'd of the Quantity we may expect.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. APRIL 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 42.

TO MESSRS. THOMAS FITZHUGH, SAMUEL BLOUNT, NATHANIEL GARLAND ALEXANDER HUME, MANN HORNER, THOMAS SMITH & WILLIAM ROUS SUPRA CARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

We take this opportunity by the ship Bon Voyage to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 8th. November 1762 which came to hand the 7th. of February. It is with much concern we observe you will require so large a stock for the occasions of your Investments the Ensuing season, as the great scarcety of Silver puts it so much out of our power, that all we have been able to procure to this time does not exceed 25000 Rupees, We are therefore Making purchases of Merchandize for your Markett and have acquainted the Presidencys of Bengal and Bombay with your situation that they may contribute all the Assistance in there power. The Gentlemen at Bengal acquaint us they shall dispatch the British King to you with a Cargo of Cotten, Lead and Fifty Thousand Rupees which they hope will turn out a sufficient stock to provide her with a Cargo for Europe.

The Pitt did not arrive with us till the 7th. January and as she had sprung her Mainmast & was too late to prosecute the voyage pointed out for her by our Hoñble Masters, We thought it best to employ her on the Coast untill the favourable season offerd for sending her to China by the Common Track, We shall dispatch her in a few Days for Manilha from whence she is to proceed to Canton with a Consignment of Tin. We had intended 80 Tons of Pepper, some Cotton, and the Silver abovementioned, but as she may be wanted to bring the Troops back from Manilha We have detained all but the aforesaid Quantity of Tin which shall be forwarded by the First ship.

The Lord Clive was Dispatch'd to Fort Marlborough the beginning of February with Stores for the use of that settlement and we were in hopes that the Gentlemen there might be able to provide her with a stock for China but we were in hopes that the Gentlemen there might be able to provide her with a stock for China [*sic*], but we fear that may not be the Case, as by a Letter since receiv'd from them We find they were greatly distress'd for Cash, to answer the occasions of there Pepper Investment.

We represented to the Company in our Letter by the Clinton in June last that it wou'd be impossible to continue from India the supplies required for the China Trade and we hope those Advices will reach them in Time to Assist you with Treasure from Europe by the Ships of this season and early in September we dispatch'd home the Lapwing on purpose to repeat the same Advises.

His Majestys Ship the Panther arrived here from Batavia the Third Instant having lost her passage last season to Manilha, for which Place she sail'd hence the 23d. August, The same Misfortune happened to the Revenge which saild for Manilha at the same Time, and both bore away for Batavia from whence Capt. Watson in the Revenge sail'd the 13th. Decembr. for Manilha by the Pitts Passage, from Batavia we also learn that the Glatton & Pocock not being able to gain there passage put in there in November and intended prosecuting their Voyage by the Pitts Track.

If we shou'd receive no further advices from Mr. Dalrymple before the time of the Departure of the Ships for China, We shall consider of the Expediency of ordering one of them to call at Sooloo for the Goods Mr. Dalrymple may have left there to be dispos'd of at Canton.

Enclosed is a List of Ships taken up for India this season lately receiv'd by the Way of Bussorah.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. APRIL 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEGE. STRATTON.

No. 43.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPY. GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

You are acquainted in a Letter from the other Department with our Reasons for Dispatching to you the Honble Company's Ship Pitt, on which we have laden a Quantity of Tin for Canton as pr. Invoice enclosed in our Packet to the Supra Cargoes which is left open for your Perusal, and you are to forward the same thither by the Pitt with all convenient Dispatch unless you should be under the necessity of Detaining her to assist in bringing away your Garrison to the Coast, in which Case you are to send the Tin to Canton by another conveyance if you should have an opportunity before leaving the Place.

If this ship shou'd return to Madras you must observe to take the Charter party and other Papers relating to her out of the Packet to Canton advising the Supracargoes thereof.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
12TH. APRIL 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 44.

To Messrs. Thomas Fitzhugh, Samuel Blount, Nathaniel Garland, Alexander Hume, Maun Horner, Thomas Smith & William Rous, SupraCargoes of Council at Canton.

Gentlemen

Conformable to want [*sic*] we wrote to you the 11th. Instant by the Ship Bon Voyage of which a Duplicate accompanys this, we now Dispatch the Honble Companys Ship Pitt to Manilha, from whence if there should not be occasion to employ her in assisting to withdraw the Garrison she is to proceed to you with a Consignment of Tin as pr. Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, but in Case she shoud be detained at Manilha the Deputy Governor &ca. Council there have our Directions to forward the Tin to you on another Bottom if an opportunity offers before they leave the Place.

Enclosed is a Packet from our Honble Masters received by the Pitt also 4 Copies of the Definitive Treaty.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
12th. April 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the Packet to Manilha Pr. Ship Pitt.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 12th. April 1764.
2 Packet for Canton pr. Ship Pitt under a flying Seal.
3 Copy Captn. Jacksons sailing Orders.

Fort St. George
12th. April 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

List of the Packet to Canton Pr. Ship Pitt.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 12th. April 1764.
2 Duplie. Do. . . . Dated 11th. Do.
3 Invoice of Ship Pitt.
4 Bill of Lading of Do.
5 Copy of Pitts Charter party.
6 Copy Victualling Bill of Ship Pitt.
7 Copy Captn. Jacksons Commission to seize unlicenced Persons.
8 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize pr. Ship Pitt.
9 Account of Goods landed at Fort St. George by the Capt. & officers pr. ship Pitt.
10 4 Copies of the Definitive Treaty.
11 Dupe. Copy List of Ships taken up arrived from & sail'd for the East Indies since the last advices Dated 19th. August 1763.

12 Packet from England for Canton pr. Ship Pitt.

13 Copy of a Letter from Goa to the President & Council of Fort St. George concerning the SupraCargoes complaints of the behaviour of the Portuguese at Macoa.

FORT ST. GEORGE
12TH. APRIL 1764.

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secrey.

No. 45.

TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH JACKSON
OF SHIP PITT.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship, and make the best of your way to the Port of Manilha where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr. &ca. Council there whose orders you are to follow for your future proceedings.

As by the last accounts receiv'd from Manilha by the Speedwell Brig in January the Place was in a Manner Invested by the Spaniards and there Partizans headed by one Anda, the Definitive Treaty of Peace not having reach'd them. You must be well on your Guard untill you have certain Information how matters are situated on your arrival in the Bay.

As we are not without hopes that the Gentlemen at Manilha may have already found means to withdraw the Garrison, In case you shoud have certain Information of this in your Passage you are to make the best of your way to Canton and deliver your Packet to the Supra Cargoes of council there.

We wish you a Good Voyage and Date this in FORT ST. GEORGE the 12th. April 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 46.

TO MR. JOHN CALLAND
AT CUDDALORE.

SIR

The Bales of your Investment receiv'd by the Pitt having been Examined as well as your Merchants turn'd out and Brown Cloth lately sent up hither, we now enclose to you the Remarks which have been made thereon.

From hence it appears that the Merchts. have by no means had Justice done them in Regard to the Rejected Cloth, as besides that a part of it seems to be of a proper Quality to be taken in at the abatement of 10 pr. Cent, the Companys Chop has been stampt'd in the Middle of many of the Peices which must evidently be detrimental to the sale of it, and being also Contrary to the usual custom it coul'd hardly have been Done through Inadvertency. In this Instance therefore they have had reason to complain and to make them amends for such Treatment, which we cannot but highly disapprove, We think it but reasonable to exact from them only 5 pr. Ct. on the whole of the Turn'd out Cloth instead of 10 pr. Ct. which you are to attend to and settle with them accordingly.

We send you enclosed a List of the Investment to be provided at your settlement this season, also the Particulars of the New Contracts we have made & the Persons we have engaged with, You must draw out the Contracts to be executed by them agreable thereto, and after the Form enclosed which is the same our merchants have signed. They are to be advanced one fourth part of the amount of the Investment upon their Executing them. You must also be mindfull to have all their accounts of the Last Years Investment adjusted & to receive of them any Ballances they may be indebted on that Account.

As we understand that two of the Coneycoplies in your Export Warehouse named Padmanabeyah & Parvadah Rajah are nearly related to Streeshelle putte with whom we have contracted for a part of this years Investment we think that such a Connection may be attended with many ill consequences and therefore direct that the said two Coneycoplys be no longer Employ'd in the Export Warehouse. We are come to a Resolution also, that any person employ'd as a Companys Merchant, shall not serve in Character as Dubash or Broker, as we understand they have done during the Term of their Contract with the Hoñble Company. And you must be attentive to see this is strictly complied with. We do not by any means approve of the proposal made in your Letter of the 16th. of March for the Dyers of the Blue Cloth to be under the Management of the Warehousekeeper which you will observe by the contract made with the Merchants for the present Investment is to be on the same Footing it was last year.

We have not rec'd from your Settlement as ordered in the Last Years List of Investment an Account drawn in Columns The First Specifying the Quantity ordered the second the Quantity sent and the Third the Reasons consicely drawn why the orders coud not be complied with. Our Hoñble Masters Expect this from us annually & you must send us such an Account of your Last Years Investment as soon as possible.

Enclosed is Copy of a Paragraph from a Report of the Committee of Accounts, relating to the Method of keeping your Books and accounts, and we have ordered an Ingeram Journal and Ledger to be sent to you for a Model according to which you are to carry on those of Cuddalore from the 1st. May next on your opening a new sett of Books.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
23d. April 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the Packet to Cuddalore Pr. Tappies.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 23d. April 1764.

2 List of Goods to be provided at Cuddalore in 1764.

3 Cuddalore Merchants proposals for the Provision of the Investmt. for 1764.

4 Copy Letter from Messrs. Bourchier, Fairfield, Ardley, Turner & Stratton containing their Remarks on the Cuddalore Investmt.

5 Remarks on the Investment receiv'd from Cuddalore pr. Pitt.

6 Remarks on the Cuddalore Merchants turn'd out Cloth.

7 Extract of a Report from the Committee of Accounts concerning the Books and Accounts of Cuddalore Dated 2d. April 1764.

8 Form of a Bond to be enterd into by the Cuddalore Merchants for providing the Investment there in 1764.

9 Ingeram Journal and Ledger from 1st. May 1756 to the 31st. May 1757.

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. APRIL 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secy.

No. 47.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote to you under Date the 10th. Instant of which a Duplicate Accompanys this.

The Bute arrived here the 15th. of Last Month with your favor Dated the 5th. of March, we have since rec'd that of the 16th. also your Letter by the Cuddalore Schooner of the 23d. February which brought us the Bales from Vizagapatam.

As it will not be much out of Captain Maitlands Way to call at Fort Marlborough We shall take the opportunity of sending by the Bute some Rice and Salt for the use of that Presidency. We shall represent to the Gentlemen there the Necessity of their not Detaining her longer than may be required for landing those consignments and shall give him his Dispatches from hence in a few Days.

The Military Storekeeper has represented to us that on weighing the 200 Barrells of Gunpowder you sent us by the Deptford Invoiced at 100 lb. each Barrell, It appears that the Fine being 137 Barrells turn out on a Medium but 62 lb. each. The 63 Barrells of Course are full Weight on account thereof is transmitted herewith for your more particular information.

The Packet address'd to the Court of Directors receiv'd with your Letter of the 16th. Instant shall be forwarded by the Deptford who will receive her Dispatches in a few Days.

Lieutenant Crabb having occasion to remitt Pagodas 2100 to Lieutenant Grant at Bengal We have receivd that sum into Cash here and Granted him Bills for ye. same on your Honor &ca. at the Exchange of 312 pr. 100 Pags. making A. Rupees 6552 or Current 7076-2-6 which we request you will Discharge.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. MAY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEOGE. STRATTON.

No. 48.

To Messrs. Thomas Fitzhugh, Samuel Blount,
Nathaniel Garland, Alexander Hume, Maun
Horner, Thomas Smith & William Rous
SupraCargoes at Canton.

Gentlemen

Since writing to you under Date ye. 11th. & 12th. of last Month, we have receiv'd your Letters by the Sabut Jung of the 17th. & 25th. of February with the several Papers accompanying the Former.

The Bills you have drawn upon us, we shall duely Honor as they are tenterd for payment and we wish it had been in Your Power to draw on us for a much larger sum.

On Communicating to the Gentlemen at Bengal the great want you wou'd be in of Money this season for the occasions of your Investment, they determined to consign to you two Lacks of Rupees by the British King instead of Fifty Thousand as they had before Intended.

Since the Date of our Letter to you of the 11th. April We have purchased some silver imported from Pegue, but all the Treasure we have yet been able to procure for you this season does not exceed forty Thousand Rupees and indeed the Great Dearness of silver here at present being 310 Rupees for 100 Pagos. will put it out of our power we fear to make any considerable addition to the above sum as Rupees are not to be had at any price, but we hope our Consignments in Pepper, Tin and other Things that are most likely to answer in China will amount to £50,000.

We have received a Letter from Mr. Dalrymple at Manilha acquainting us with the Situation of the Companys affairs at Sooloo, We intend ordering the First Ship Dispatch'd for China this Season to call there and shall then forward to Mr. Dalrymple the Account Sales of Sooloo goods by the Neptune as you have desired.

The Deptford arrived here from Bengal the 7th. of Last Month and having taken in her full Lading for Europe receiv'd her Dispatches the 5th. Instant.

We are much Concerned to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ship Winchelsea was lost on the 20th. March on the Long sand as the Pilot was attempting to bring her out of the River of Bengal.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient hume. servts.

Fort St. George
9th. May 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the Packet to Canton by the Snow Francisco Scavia.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 9th. May 1764.
2 Duplicate General Letter . . . Dated 12 April 1764.
3 Triplicate General Letter . . . Dated 11th. Do. 1764.
4 List of Ships taken up for India this Year.

Fort St. George
9th. May 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secy.

No. 49.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr.

President and Governor &ca. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Bute having called here in her way from Bengal to Batavia, We cou'd not miss so favourable an Opportunity of forwarding to you a supply of Rice some salt and a Few Bales of Peice Goods according to Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed.

As the Gentlemen at Bengal are anxious for the speedy return of the Bute from Batavia that she may be dispatch'd to Europe early next season, We hope therefore your Honor &ca. will not detain her longer than may be Necessary to land the Consignments for your Presidency.

By advice from China of the 17th. Febry. We learn that the Glatton arrived there the 24th. Janry. by the Eastern Passage and we hope the Pocock got there soon after as Captain Hooke intended to proceed by the same Track.

The President & Council of Fort William on hearing the Great want the Supra Cargoes of Canton wou'd be in of Money this season have determined to send two Lacks of Rupees thither by the British King which wth. some Cotton & Tin is all the assistance they can afford and we imagine that we shall not be able to send them in Treasure & Merchandize more than 50,000 £.

We are much concerned to acquaint you that our Honble Masters ship Winchelsea was lost on the 20th. March on the long sand as the Pilot was attempting to bring her out of the River of Bengal.

Mr. Tierney and Mr. Hunter take this opportunity of proceeding to Fort Marlborough, Enclosed is Mr. Tierneys second Receipt for a Thousand Pagodas we advised in our Letter of the 13th. March had been advanced him out of Cash here. Mr. Hunter has since applied to us for an advance of 500 Pagodas which we have complied with and enclose Copy of his Letter and Receipt for the same.

We send by this ship two transports and a slave belonging to the Company a List of their Names is transmitted in the Packet.

The Deptford arrived here from Bengal the 7th. Last Month and having taken in her full Lading for Europe received her Dispatches the 5th. Instant.

Enclosed are Copies of several papers receivd from Bengal relating to the Dispatch of the Bute to Batavia also a List of Ships taken up for India this season receiv'd by the Way of Bussorah.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedent. humble Servts.

Fort St. George
10th. May 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of persons sent to Fort Marlborough Pr. Ship Bute.

Sary a Slave Girl
Kistnay a Gentoo Painter } Felons
Mooloo a Pariar

Fort St. George
10th. May 1764.

Willm. Aldersey
Secry.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBOROUGH PR. SHIP BUTE.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 9th. May 1764.
2 Duplicate General Letter . . . Dated 15 March.
3 Triplicate General Letter . . . Dated 13 March.
4 Copy of a Letter from Mr. Robt. Hunter to the President &ca. Council of Fort St. George Dated 28th. March 1764.
5 Mr. Hunters Receipt for Pags. 500 advanced him at Fort St. George dated 2d. April 1764.
6 Duplicate Copy of Mr. Tierneys Letter to the President &ca. Council of Fort St. George Dated 8th. March 1764.
7 Mr. Tierneys second Receipt for Pagodas 1000 advanced him at Fort St. George dated 13th. March 1764.
8 Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Bute For Fort Marlborough.
9 First Bill of Lading of Do.
10 Copy Invoice of Treasure laden on the Bute at Bengal and consignd to Captain Maitland.
11 Copy of a Letter of Instructions from the President &ca. Council at Bengal to Captain Maitland for purchasing his Batavia Cargo.
12 Copy of a Letter from Fort William to the General &ca. Council of Batavia.
13 List of two Delinquents and a Slave slave [*sic*] sent to Fort Marlborough in the Bute.
14 List of Ships taken up For India this Season.
15 Copy of Captain Maitlands sailing Orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. MAY 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secy.

No. 50.

TO THE HONBLE CAPTAIN PATRICK MAITLAND
COMMANDER OF THE BUTE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort Marlborough where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President &ca. Council there, and after landing the Consignments we have put on board you for that Presidency and receiving such Commands as the President &ca. Council there may have to send by you to Batavia You are to make the best of your way thither, and follow the Instructions you have receiv'd from the President &ca. Council of Fort William for your further Proceedings Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE this 12th. Day of May 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 51.

To the Honble Chas. Crommelin Esqr.

President, Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are favoured with your Letter of the 12th. of Last Month with the Packet enclosed from our Honble Masters by the Speaker and Bill of Exchange on the Governor &ca. Council of Tranquebar for Rupees 500 which we shall immediately tender for acceptance and Credit your Presidency for the Amount when receiv'd.

If the Supra Cargoes of the Talbot shoud make use of the Lattitude you have given them to draw upon us for Money they may take up towards providing her with a Cargo at Mocha we shall duely answer their Bills.

We are much concerned to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ship Winchelsea was lost on the 20th. March on the long sand as the Pilot was attempting to bring her out of the River of Bengal.

The Deptford whose arrival from Bengal we mention'd in our last of the 10th. of Last Month having taken in here her full Lading was dispatch'd for Europe the 5th. Instant.

We are

Fort St. George
16th. May 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

[No. 52.]

To the Honble Herman Abbertie Esqr.

President Governor &ca. Council at Tranquebar.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd from the President and Council of Bombay the enclos'd Bill of Exchange drawn upon you by Messrs. Rotwill & Hewlbeck for Pagodas 156. 9 being the amount of Bombay Rupees 500 advanced those Gentlemen at that Presidency, which Bill we now tender for acceptance and it is accompanyed with the Letter of Advice.

We beg leave to remind you Gentlemen of the Bill of Exchange drawn on you by Mr. Henchel for Pagodas 1875 which we tenderd in our Letter of the 23d. September last, and has not yet been paid.

We are

Fort St. George
16th. May 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obednt. humble Servts.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 53.

To Mr. John Gosselin
Commander of the Cuddalore Schooner.

After having receivd on board a Person appointed to accompany you to a Boat or Boats laden with Tobacco and lying near the Armagon, You will proceed with the Cuddalore Schooner in quest of the said Boat and after receiving the Tobacco on board your Vessell You will make the best of your way with it to this Settlement.

Dated at Fort St. George this 17th. May 1764.

Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

No. 54.

To Mr. John Calland
at Cuddalore.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters dated ye. 29th. April & 1st. & 11th. Instant.

Sadashevarow has represented to us that he has sustain'd a Considerable Loss by the Arrack Farm at Cuddalore, since the Military have been withdrawn from that Settlement, who were stationed there when he took Charge of it in 1761 which has been the occasion of his Rents being in arrear. We shall consider of his Remonstrance and acquaint you what Determination we may come to on this occasion.

The Packing Stuff you may be in want of shall be supplied as soon as our Indents to Bengal have been complied with.

You have our permission to make the repairs you represent to be Necessary to the Godowns at Cuddalore and Bandipollam.

Mr. Lewin Smith is appointed to the Chiefship of Cuddalore and will proceed thither about the end of the Month.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
18th. May 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 55.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have receivd your Letter Dated the 17th. Last Month.

You will receive herewith the Remarks on your Investment sent up by the Cuddalore schooner. We desire you will be particularly attentive to the Improvement of the Ordinary Long Cloth as the No. 3 the Proportion of

which was near two thirds of what you sent us turnd out inferior to what was provided last Year of this sortement tho' we thought that very indifferent.

Of the Brown Cloth receiv'd by the Cuddalore upon its being deliverd to the Washers 66 Pieces of the Ordinary and 2 Pieces of the Fine were found Torn & with Holes in them. Mr. Stratton has examined whose mark they are Stamp'd with in order that you may call on the Merchants who provided this Cloth to pay for it and it will be deliver'd to their Gomartales at this Place on their account. Care must be taken that no Cloth be sent up in such Condition in future.

As your Merchants are not inclined to have their turnd out Cloth sent to Madras to be resorted you have our permission to take in such as you shall judge fit to be accepted of the Proper Dimentions at the abatement of ten pr. Cent.

The Musters of Chints were forwarded yesterday by a Country Snow, and we took the same opportunity of sending you a supply of ten Thousand Madras Pagodas and some stationary. The Invoice of the Treasure is now enclosed. That for the other articles was forwarded in the Vessell accompanied with a Letter from the Secretary.

You may order Gun Carriages to be made for the Guns lately sent for the use of your Settlement.

Mr. Raine is to be allowed 20 Pagodas a Month from the first of March which is to be in lieu of every thing & he and Mr. Haycock are to be paid 10 Pagodas each for their Travelling Charges.

You must with your next Letter send us a Compleat List of the Revenues at Vizagapatam specifying the Names of the Persons to whom the Farms are now lett and for what Term.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
18TH. MAY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 56.

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your several Letters dated the 11th. and 29th. Ultimo and 4th. Instant, The latter acquainted us of your having prevail'd with the Bandarmalanka Merchants to undertake the provision of the present years Investment on the same Terms they did the last, which we hope they will strictly adhere to.

We foresee many Inconveniences that wou'd attend the proposal of the Merchants to have all their Cloths sent up and sorted at Madrass which therefore we cannot admit of. It must be sorted at Bandamalanka as before and for the Encouragement of the Merchants the turn'd out Cloth may be reexamined by Mr. Dolben who we doubt not will do the Merchants justice & who has our permission to receive such as he judges may with advantage to the Company be taken in at an abatement of ten pr. Cent & If you cou'd find any

other means of Gratifying the Merchants that woud not be attended with such Inconveniences as there proposal above mentioned, We should Willingly give them all reasonable encouragement to exert themselves in the Business of the Investment.

To prevent the Distress you find will attend the laying up your Rupees and being obliged to pay the Garrison in Pagodas, You will on Receipt hereof send to Madras by Cooleys with a small Escort of Seapoys the Rupees you have to this time collected and henceforward issue the pay to your Garrison as formally.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
18th. May 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner
George Stratton.

No. 57.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief at Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 16th. Instant with the several Proposals enclosed for Renting the Farms Dependent on Mazulapatam which are about to expire, and observe that although the Term was intended for five Years the offers now made are in General not higher than they lett for last Year. As therefore we find that the unsettled state of the Countries is at present an Obstacle to our Hopes of encreasing the Value of the Farms by extending the Term, We judge it will be most eligible to defer letting them for 5 Years untill the Disturbances are appeas'd, and for the present to lett them for one year only. As you are most intimately acquainted with the Characters and Circumstances of the Bidders We leave it to your Choise to fix on the most responsible persons, and hope that you will be able to prevail on them to give the same or nearly the same Rent they now offer and you may assure them of the preference at next time of letting the Farms provided they offer as much as others. We hope then the Tranquility of the Country will encourage us to extend the period to five Years.

As soon as you have in Consequence of these Directions fix'd on the persons to hold the Farms for the prest. Year you may put them in possession immediately advising us that there Cowles may be prepared and forwarded.

We are,
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
25th. May 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geo: Stratton.

N°. 58.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.

Sir

Having appointed you to the Chiefship of Cuddalore you will be pleas'd to repair thither as soon as possible and receive Charge of the Settlement from Mr. Calland.

Your principal attention must be the Improvement of the Companys Investment, The Cloths provided for the present Year have been contracted for with the Merchants, the Particulars of which you will be informed of by Mr. Calland who has been furnished with our full Instructions on this subject, We expect that the Merchants will be punctual in the observance of the Articles of there Contract to attone for there backwardness the last year and you must endeavor to prepare as many Bales as possible by September for an Early Dispatch.

Sadashevarow the Renter of the Cuddalore & Trevenduporum Bounds, and the Arrack Farm has of late been backward in the Payment of his Rents. The Arrears due for the two former he promises to pay of Immediately which you will therefore receive, In Regard to the Arrack Farm he alledges to have been a sufferer by it for some time on account of the Removal of the Military who were stationd at Cuddalore when he took the Farm in 1761 for a Term of 5 Years you will therefore without loss of time make enquiry & inform us of the state of that Farm and in consequence of his petition to us receive for the present what it may really seem to produce. When the resort of Military thither may restore it to its Former Value the Renter must make goods the Rents again according to the Terms of his Cowle.

There are two Godowns at Cuddalore belonging to Mr. Whitehill which have for some time past been occupied by the Company. On your arrival there you will survey them and inform us of their state, what may appear to be their Value and whether when a Factory is rebuilt at Cuddalore which is shortly intended, it may be necessary to take them down, that we may be able to judge if it will be most for the Companys advantage to purchase them, of Mr. Whitehill or to make him an allowance for the time they have been appropriated to their Use.

Rajah Moodillee having been employ'd as a ConeyCoply in the Storehouse at St. David upwards of Fifty Years and at present superannuated and in indigent Circumstances We have allowed him one Pagoda a Month from the 1st. April which you will pay him accordingly.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

Fort St. George
9th. June 1764.

N°. 59.

To Mr. John Calland
at Cuddalore.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 4th. Instant with the Accounts for last Month.

Mr. John Lewin Smith having been appointed to the Chiefship of Cuddalore you are to deliver over to him the Charge of the Settlement on his arrival.

We are
Sir
Your affectite. Friends

Fort St. George
9th. June 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geo: Stratton.

No. 60.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 23d. May.

We hope you have by this time had an Opportunity of contracting with your Merchants for the present Years Investment in consequence of the Directions sent to you on this subject and we shall depend on your endeavors to send us as many Bales as possible in September, it being our Intention to dispatch a Ship to Europe in all that Month.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
9th. June 1764.

Robt. Palk Gor. &ca. Council.

No. 61.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulapatam.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 26th. Ulto. and 1st. Instant.

As the time of the Arrival of the Europe Ships is uncertain, and we cannot therefore Depend on their being early enough to call at Mazulapatam in their Way to China, we woul'd have you send the Rupees to Madras by Cooleys under an Escort of Seapoys agreably to our Former Directions.

We shall be in want of Iron Kintledge for our Homeward Bound Ships you will therefore take the First opportunitys of sending hither what is remaining in your Garrison by any Vessels that may be in want of Ballast.

Cowles will be immediately prepared & forwarded for the Persons Recommended in your last to have the Rent of the Northward Farms for the present Year.

Your Indents for Broad Cloths & Stationary shall be forwarded by the First opportunity.

We shall depend on your endeavors to send us as many Bales as possible very early in September as We hope to dispatch a Ship to Europe in all that Month.

We are
Sir
Your most affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
9th. June 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 62.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your favor dated the 23d. April, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters by the Diligent Snow.

The Chief & Council at Vizagapatam acquaint us that the Plassey from Fort Marlborough arrived there the 1st. Instant having suffer'd much in a hard Gale of Wind after leaving the Coast of Sumatra, and as she was unable to make her Passage to Madras at this season they dispatch'd her to Bengal with the Packet she had for your presidency and the several Papers relating to the Ship & Cargo, We are glad to find they have had an opportunity of drawing upon us for near fifteen Thousand Dollars as it has been equally out of our power with your Honor &ca. to supply them with Treasure from hence, of which we acquainted them in answer to there application on this subject in their Letter to us by the Diligent Snow.

The President and Council of Fort Marlborough acquaint us in a separate Letter that after the Plassey had sail'd for Moco Moco, The Hougton arrived from China with Advices from the Supra Cargoes of their Intention to dispatch their Homeward Bound Ships to Manilha to Transport the Chinese from hence [*sic*] to Fort Marlborough and as they apprehend that the Increase of so large a Number a [*sic*] people will soon exhaust their store of Grain they are very pressing to be largely supplied by the first conveyances as you will observe by a Copy of their Letter to us enclosed. We hope the Rice sent them by the Lord Clive & Bute will be sufficient for their occasions untill We can have an Opportunity of giving them a further supply.

As the Gentlemen at Fort Marlborough represent the Plassey to be entirely unfit for the service of the West Coast & We have not any Employment for her here, We desire your Honor &ca. will dispose of her in Bengal.

We must repeat our application to your Honor &ca. for a supply stuff by the First opportunity and hope you will be able to send us sufficient for Packing four thousand Bales which we compute will be required annually for our Occasions.

Being also in Great want of Jaggery for the Companys Buildings of this Place, We desire you will supply us with three hundred Candies by the first opportunity.

The Great Occasion for money to supply the China Investment this season has induced us to accept of an offer of seventeen Thousand seven Hundred and sixty Arcot Rupees for Bills on your Presidency which we have granted this Day payable to Mess[rs]. Hastings & Hancock for value receiv'd here of M[r]. William Aldersey, which we hope it will suit your conveynience to discharge.

We are

Fort S[T]. George
14TH. June 1764.

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Serva[s].

Rob[T]. Palk.
String[R]. Lawrence.
Cha[S]. Bourchier.
Ric[D]. Fairfield.
Sam[L]. Ardley.
Cha[S]. Turner.
George Stratton.

N[o]. 63.

To John Pybus Esq[R].
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

Cowles having been prepared for the several Bidders recommended in your Letter of the 1st. Ins[t]. to Rent the Nortward Farms for the present year they are now forwarded to you according to the Following Statement.

		Pagodas.
Nizampatnam	Madalareddy Naigue, Bodaputty Gorauze & Condragolah Juggapah	for 23,000
Gondure & Auclamanada	D[o].	10,600
Deve Island	D[o].	10,000
Six Islands of Deve	D[o].	2,800
Innogodroo	D[o].	2,000
Bandermalanka &c[a]. Towns	Bodaputty Gorauze, Bomperauze and Audorly Narsoo	3,200
Nellipellee &c[a]. Towns	Condragolah Juggapah	2,100
Sakanalapillee and Ramaserum	Madalareddy Naigue	1,550
Antravidee	D[o].	650
Goorjanapillee	Mosalacenty	300
Tondure & Bondura	Aurechunda Rauze	16,500
Tumadee & Peddanay	D[o].	8,500
Narsapore Salt	D[o].	3,500

We are

Fort S[T]. George
16 June 1764.

Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Rob[T]. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Cha[S]. Bourchier.
Rich[D]. Fairfield.
Sam[L]. Ardley.
Cha[S]. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 64.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.

President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We take the Opportunity of forwarding to you by this Pattamar a Packett from Anjengo for your Presidency also one from Fort Marlborough receiv'd by the Plassey which ship having suffer'd in a Gale of Wind soon after leaving the Coast of Sumatra put in at Vizagapatam and from hence proceeded to Bengal.

The Gentlemen at Fort Ma[r]lborough acquaint us that having a Greater Quantity of Military Cloathing than they had use for at their Settlement they put it on board the Plassey consigned to you being the same with the Regimentals of your Presidency and we imagine therefore the President & Council of Fort William will take the first opportunity of forwarding it to you.

The Hougton arrived at Fort Marlborough from Canton the 11th. February with advices from the Supra Cargoes of their Intention to dispatch their Homeward Bound ships to Manilha to Transport the Chinese from thence to Fort Marlborough. The Houghton was to proceed to Europe in a Few Days.

We are

Fort St. George
22D. June 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humle. Servts.

Robt. Palk.
Strinr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geo : Stratton.

No. 65.

To Thomas Whitehill Esqr.

Chief &ca. Council at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 25th. May with the Packet enclosed for the President &ca. Council of Bombay which has been forwarded according to your desire.

If the Communication through the Travancore Country is free We recommend that in future your Advices to us be sent by the way of Tinnavilly from whence they reach us by the Tappies in six or seven Days. The Reduction of Madura we hope will be accomplished by the end of the Month & Pallamcotah the only Fort of strength in ye. Trinovilly Country will either surrender

or be soon reduced the Commanding officer therefore of this last place shall forward our Letters to you & yours to us.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
22D. JUNE 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 66.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your Letter Dated 31st. May.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters ship Northumberland arrived here the 2d. Instant, she left the Downes the 20th. of Febry. in Company with the Lord Holland for Coast and China Carnarvon & Devonshire for Madeira & Coast & Bay and parted from them two Days after in the Channell.

The Worcester for Coast & China Admiral Watson for Bencoolen & Norfolk for China Directly sail'd from Spithead, also the Princess Augusta for Bencoolen & China, which ship had before sail'd in Company with the Duke of Richmond but springing a Leak was obliged to return to Plimouth to repair before she coud prosecute her Voyage.

The Northumberland fell in with the Duke of Richmond the 27th. April having been eleven Days from St. Helena where she left the Osterly Capn. Vincent in his Passage home, The Plassey was saild from St. Helena for England & the Admiral arriv'd safely at the Cape wth. the Elizth. & three other ships of his Majestys Squadron.

By the Northumberland came a Packet for your Honor &ca. which we now forward by the Cuddalore Schooner. We have no Copy of the Letter wrote by the first ships that we have receiv'd being dated after the Arrival of the Lapwing.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. JULY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEOGE. STRATTON.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM PR. SCHOONER CUDDALORE.

1 General Letter . . . Dated 4th. July 1764.

2 General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to the President & Council of Fort William rec'd here 2d. July pr. Northumberland.

3 Accounts of Stores supplied & Cash advanced Account the Honble Companys Schooner Cuddalore.

4 Copy Capt. Gosselins sailing orders Dated 4th. July 1764

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. JULY 1764.

WILLM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 67.

TO CAPTN. JOHN GOSSELIN
OF THE SCHOONER CUDDALORE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to FORT WILLIAM in Bengal, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President &ca. Council there & follow their orders for your future proceedings.

Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE 4th. July 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 68.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote to you last under Date the 22d. June Duplicate of which is enclosed.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ship Northumberland arrived here ye. 2d. Instant she left the Downs the 20th. Febry. in Company with the Lord Holland for Coast & China Caernarvon & Devonshire for Madeira & Coast & Bay and parted from them two Days after in the Channell.

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The Northumberland fell in with the Duke of Richmond the 27th. April having been eleven Days from St. Helena where she left the Osterly Captain Vincent in his Passage home, the Plassey was saild from St. Helena for England & the Admiral arrived safely at the Cape with the Elizabeth & three other ships of his Majestys Squadron.

We are
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humbe. Servts.

Fort St. George
4th. July 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Ricd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 69.

To the Hoñble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We dispatchd the Cuddalore Schooner to you the 4th. Instant with the Packet recev'd by our Hoñble Masters Ships Northumberland for your Presidency. The Worcester arrived this Morning and has brought three Packets also for your Honor &ca. and one from the Secret Committee to the President which we take this Opportunity of forwarding by the Ship Russell.

We are
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most obet. humbe. Servts.

Fort St. George
14th. July 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geore. Stratton.

No. 70.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have recev'd your several Letters dated the 16th. & 21st. June and 6th. Instant the first accompanyed with forty four Thousand Rupees according to Invoice transmitted therewith.

For the Present we have appointed Mr. Whitehill who nas been some time to the Nortward on his private affairs to take Charge of Bandamalanka when Mr. Dolben comes away, in the mean time Mr. Dolben whose Conduct has been

much to our satisfaction must Instruct Mr. Whitehill in the Business of the Investment who we hope will by his attention and Care merit his being continued in that station.

You will acquaint Captn. Panton that he may carry the Leopard Snow into the River of Bandarmalanka to give her such Repairs as may be Necessary, after which he is to make the best of his way to this Place.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
16th. July 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 71.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council of Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We have recev'd your Letters dated the 15th. & 27th. of Last Month.

The Musters of Long Cloth sent up with your Letter of the 27th. having been examined we find it is not equal in substance to the Salem Cloth, and woud have you recommend to Irshippa Chitta to Improve the Fabrick as much as possible in that respect when we think it may Answer for the Company. In the mean time you have our permission to take such Cloth as he may tender to you agreable to the Musters you have sent us at the prizes given for the Salem Cloth.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectite. Friends

Fort St. George
16th. July 1764.

Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

No. 72.

To the Honble Herman Abbestie Esqr.
President & Governor of Tranquebar.

Honble Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 2d. Instant by the Hands of Captain Pedro Anthony Commandr. of the Portuguese Frigate lately arrived here accompanyed with Pagodas 1298–1 fa. in part payment of the two Bills of Exchange drawn upon you from Bombay in August and November last amounting to Pags. 2031 Fas. 9 and Mr. Charles Bourchier has since paid us Pags. 733–8–30 in full payment of the same.

Inclosed is a Letter from Europe address'd to you which came in the Companys Packet.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
17 JULY 1764.

HONBLE SIR
Your most Obedit. humbe. servts.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORE. STRATTON.

No. 73.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 4th. Instant we have receiv'd your favor dated the 10th. Last month.

We have already advised your Honor &ca. of the Northumberlands arrival the 2d. Last Month and have now the pleasure to add that the Worcester came in the 14th. & the Lord Holland the 15th. Instant. The Latter called at the Mauritius the 4th. June where she found the Middlesex from Bengal, the purpose of whose Destination thither you have no doubt been informed of from that Presidency. The Pigot also put in there the 8th. June the length of her Passage from Bengal having made the Touching at the Islands necessary for recruiting her store of water. On the Ships comeing in the Governor sent off a Letter excusing himself from giving the permission of the Port under Pretence of the Islands having been entirely exhausted during the Late War and his dailey expectation of a Large Squadron from Europe at the same time recommended their going to Bourbon.

But being already at Anchor Captain Richardson went ashore to make a point of being supplied with water which was all he wanted so far he succeeded and probably wou'd procure some little Refreshment.

They seem'd very Jealous permitting no one to go ashore except the commanders, and even they were obliged to return at night. The Lord Holland left the Islands the 9th. June.

By the Worcester came a Packet for your Honor &ca. which we now forward.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
18TH. JULY 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humbe. servants

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY P^R^. PATTAMAR.

N°. 1 General Letter . . . Dated the 18th. July 1764.

2 Dupl^e^. Do. . . Dated y^e^. 4th. July 1764.

3 General Letter directed to the President & Council of Bombay rec^d^. from England p^r^. Worcester.

4 General Letter Directed to the President and Council of Bombay rec^d^. from Fort Marlborough p^r^. Snow Leopard.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
18TH. JULY 1764.

W^M^. ALDERSEY
Sec^ry^.

N°. 74.

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQ^R^.
CHIEF OF MAZULAPATAM.

SIR

As we have not at present any employment for the Snow Leopard on the Coast, you will be pleased after she has been sufficiently repa[i]rd at Bandar-malanka to dispatch her to Bengal, enclosing to the President & Council of Fort William the accompanying Papers relating to the Vessell and her Cargo.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
27TH. JULY 1764.

We are
SIR
Your affecti^te^. Friends
ROB^T^. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHA^S^. BOURCHIER.
RICH^D^. FAIRFIELD.
SAM^L^. ARDLEY.
CHA^S^. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MAZULAPATAM P^R^. TAPPIES.

N°. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 27th. July 1764.

2 Invoice of the Leopard.

3 Bills of Lading of D^o^.

4 Account Packages of Milatary Cloathing p^r^. Leopard Snow.

5 Account Package of Wares p^r^. D^o^.

6 List of Bombay & Bengal Artificers on board the Leopard.

7 Snow Leopards Account Current.

8 Copy of Captain John Pantons sailing orders.

9 Manifest of Private Trade p^r^. Snow Leopard.

10 Account of the Particular weight of Anchors referr'd to the Invoice.

11 Account Provisions Laden on the Snow Leopard for the use of the Artificers.

12 Extract of a Letter from the President & Council of Fort Marlborough to the President &ca. Council of Fort St. George concerning the Artificers pr. Snow Leopard.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JULY 1764.

WILLM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 75.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your Letter Dated the 18th. of Last Month acquainting us with the arrival of the Plassey from Fort Marlborough and of your Intention to send the Diligent Snow thither with a supply of provisions.

By a Letter we have receiv'd from hence [*sic*] by the Leopard Snow dated the 3d. May the Presidt. &ca. Council there acquaint us that by the purport of there Advices from Canton they had reason to expect a much more considerable number of Chinese than had been sent them which amounted to in the whole to only two Hundred and Fifty Five, and therefore they were no longer under the Apprehension of want of Grain for their support as they Imagined the supplies sent them by the Lord Clive and what they should be able to Collect on the Coast would be sufficient to Answer their Demands for the Current year since that time we have sent them a further supply of 1279 Bags of Rice by the Bute.

In the Packett by the Snow Leopard were transmitted to us some Authenticated Papers relating to an Error in the Accounts of the Ship Plassey, by which Captain Clews appears to be indebted to the Company 1236 Dollars, and the Gentlemen at Fort Marlborough further acquaint us that he must also refund 96 D. 2 s. on account of his Chief Mate Mr. Alenton, We now forward the said Papers to your Honor &ca. with Extract of the Letter from Fort Marlborough relating to this Matter that you may receive the amount of Captain Clews.

The Leopard Snow put in at Bandarmalanka the 5th. Instant, Captain Panton alledges that he was obliged to bear away for want of Water & provisions and as he has reported the Vessell to be very Leaky We have ordered her to be repaired at Bandarmalanka and then to proceed to the Bay, as we have not at present any occasion for her service at the Coast.

We have already advised your Honor &ca. of the arrival of the Northumberland the 2d. Instant and the Worcester on the 14th. We have had the pleasure of seeing the Lord Holland the 15th. Instant, she called at the Mauritius the 4th. June and found the Middlesex there which had had the misfortune of springing her Mainmast. The Pigot also put in at the Islands the 8th. June, The Lenght [*sic*] of her Passage from Bengal having made the Touching there necessary for Recruiting her Store of Water, The Lord Holland Sail'd thence the 9th. June at which time they had receiv'd no late advices from France.

Our Milatary Storekeeper being made acquainted with the Deficiency of the Flints pr. Sallamatty Snow mentioned in your Letter of the 31st. May we enclose Copy of a Report he has made to us in consequence.

As our consignments to China will we fear fall considerably short of the stock requir'd for the several ships of this season the Company not having sent out any Treasure from Europe, We have taken up the sums here undermentioned for that service and granted Bills for the same on your Honor &ca. which we hope it will not be inconvenient as it is the only means by which we cou'd obtain this supply.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom value recd.	C. Rs.			A. R.		
1	The Honble Heny. Vansittart Esqr. Hugh Watts Esqr. and Anselum Beaumont Esqr.	The Honble Robt. Palk Esqr., Nicholas, Morse and John Holland Esqrs.	6518	1	4	6035	4	3
1	Messrs. George. Vansittart, Plowman & Boswall.	Chas. Bourchier Esqr.	43290	2	2	40083	8	1
2	Setts amounting to ..	C. Rs.	49808	3	6	46118	12	4

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obet. humbe. Servts.

Fort St. George
28th. July 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geore. Stratton.

List of the Packet to Fort William Pr. Sabut Jung.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 28th. July 1764.

2 Duplicate General Letter Dated 14th. July 1764.

3 Extract of a Letter from the President & Council of Fort Marlborough dated 3d. May.

4 Authenticated Papers receiv'd from Fort Marlborough relating to an Error in Captain Clews Accounts of the Ship Plassey.

5 Copy of a Letter from the Milatary Storekeeper concerning a Deficiency reported from Bengal of Flints sent thither pr. Snow Salamatty with an Attestation of the Conductor of the Laboratory by whom they were packed.

Fort St. George
28th. July 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

No. 76.

To Mr. Alexander Dalrymple

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 10th. October 1763 and 23d. February last acquainting us of the situation in which you found the Companys affairs on your Arrival at Sooloo last year, and of your Attention to

remain there another season in order to recover the large Ballances due from the Sooloo's and to take Measures for Maintaining the Company's Influence in the Country. As the Gentlemen at Canton Inform'd us they coud not send a ship to Sooloo as you had desired, We intended dispatching one early from hence this season to take in the Goods that might have been Collected for China, but as the First ship must proceed directly to Canton & the other two are to call at Manilha as by the Advices lately receiv'd from England, We find the Company do not approve of having there large ships employed on that Voyage untill it has been more frequented. We laid aside that Intention & have not been able to engage any other Vessell to send thither. The season is now so far advanced that if we could, there woud be little probability of gaining her passage at least, this is the opinion of those who are best acquainted with it.

We are sorry so many untoward circumstances have concurr'd to disappointed [*sic*] you of getting in the outstanding Debts at Sooloo & finally adjusting the Accounts but as you are so solicitous to return to England the next season, you have our permission provided you concert with the Gentlemen at Canton the necessary means for drawing the Company's Concerns from Sooloo pointing out to us in what manner this intricate Business may be best conducted & every particular relating to the outstanding Ballances.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
29TH. JULY 1764.

We are
SIR
Your affectio^te^. Friends

ROB^T^. PALK.
STRING^R^. LAWRENCE.
CHA^S^. BOURCHIER.
RICH^D^. FAIRFIELD.
SAM^L^. ARDLEY.
CHA^S^. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

N°. 77.

TO MESS^RS^. THOM^S^. FITZHUGH, SAMU^L^. BLOUNT, GEORGE MANDEVILLE, NATHAN^L^. GARLAND, WILL^M^. MACKENZEE, ALEX^R^. HUME, STE^N^. DEVISME, THO^S^. SMITH, MANN HORNER, WILL^M^. ROUS AND WILL^M^. HARRISON, SUPRACARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

Par. 1. We have already wrote to you this season by the Pitt and two Maccao ships under Date the 11th. & 12th. April and 9th. May and therein acknowledged the receipt of your several Letters Dated 8th. November 1763 & 17th. & 25th. of February Last.

2^d^. In our Letters abovementioned we acquaint^d^. you of the little prospect We had of being able to obtain any considearable supply of Treasure for you this Season, We have lost no opportunity of purchasing & collecting all we cou'd procure, thoug[h] at a Dear rate, which to this time amounts to about three Lacks & nine thousand Rupees and as we Imagined an Early supply may be of the utmost consequence to your Investment we now consign the whole to you on our Honb^e^. Masters Ship Northumberland which arrived here the 2^d^. Instant also several articles of Merchandize amounting together as P^r^. Invoice F. enclosed to Pag^s^. 157409 22. The Worcester arrived with us the 15th. & the Lord Holland the 16th. Instant.

3^d^. We are sorry to Find notwithstanding our representation to the Honble Court by the Lapwing Snow which arrived before the Departure of the Northumberland that it does suit there Convenienience [*sic*] at present to

send out any Treasure from Europe, The Consignments to you from thence this season amount to £. 82700 of which about 64000 is in Woolens. This with what you may expect from the Different Presidencys may be about three Hundred Thousand Pounds Serling [*sic*] by an Estimate we have made which comes a Number in the Packet, which unless the Woolens meet with a ready sale will we fear be insufficient to provide a Cargoes for the ships expected in China this Year probably no less than thirteen, if the Pitt should not be employed in bringing the Troops from Manilha vizt. Princess Augusta, Duke of Richmond Earl of Holderness, Norfolk Duke of Glocester, Vorcester, Lord Holland, Earl of Lincoln, Northumberland, British King, Lord Clive, Latham & Pitt.

4th. The whole amount of what we have hitherto been able to Provide here in Treasure amount to about £. 107500 to which by the Worcester and Lord Holland we may add a further sum of 12000 £ in Gold, and Rupees and although we have little hopes of it at present you may rest assured that we shall Lose no opportunity of Augmenting our Consignments being convinced of the Necessity of your being enabled if possible to reserve a stock in your hands to make purchase for the Ensuing year.

5th. Application having been made to us for the Loan of some Money to run at respondentia on Goods to China, We have sent to Mr. Anthony Sadleir Ps. 4200 and to Shamir Sultan Ps. 5000, at the Exchange of 312 Rups. pr. 100 Pags. on their Bonds which are made payable to you in Tales at the rate of 307 A. Rs. pr. 100 Tales with 10 pr. Cent Freight & premium, Enclosed is a Manifest of the Goods now laden on this acct. which you will be pleased to deliver to the persons to whom they are respectively consigned, and from whom you are to receive the amount of the Bonds which are also enclosed at the Expiration of Thirty Days after the arrival of the Ship.

6th. Agreable to the request made in your Letter of the 17th. Febr̃y, We send you the assays made in our Mint on each sort of Rupee now consigned to you which shall be our Constant practice in future.

7th. The Different exchange of Rupees mentioned in the Invoice by this Ship is according to the Prizes at the Time when each sum was purchased the last sum is sett down at 350 that being the Exchange established between the three Presidencys and therefore at that rate the Companys Rupees are always brought to acct. when recṽd. for Bills Granted on Bengal or Bombay, there real value here ought to be estimated much higher.

8. As the cotton consigned to you by the Northumberland to save time & the Exchange of Landing was shipp'd from a Country Vessell in the road and only a few Bales of it coud be weighed from which the rest were calculated upon an Average, We hope Captn. Mitford will be no sufferer on this acct. as from his diligence & Attention here We are persuaded there will not be any Deficiency that his care can prevent.

9th. We had intended that one of the Ships from Europe shoud call at Sooloo but our Hoñble Masters have recommended that small Ships or Vessels only be employed on this Voyage untill it is more Frequented, We therefore are determined not to send one of the Europe ships there this season we have not been able to meet with any small Vessell proper for that service and on advising with those who are acquainted with the Track, We find the season is now so far advanced that there would be little probability if we coud engage one, of her saving her passage.

10. Mr. Richard Brickendon a Senior Merchant on this Establishment having long been in an ill state of health has obtained our permission to go to China for a Change of Air, he embarks on the Northumberland & if he shoud not reap the Benefit of it that he expects from China he has our leave to proceed to Europe in one of the ships from thence.

11th. The Worcester & Lord Holland will also proceed as soon as soon [*sic*] as they can be in readiness and are to call at Manilha as you will be advised in a separate Letter from the other Department.

12. By the Northumberland came a Packet from our Honble Masters which we now forward together with several other Papers according to a List in the Packet.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Yur most obed^t. humb^e. serv^ts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. JULY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

We shall pay due Honour to any Bills you may draw upon us.

We have wrote Mr. Dalrymple a letter which comes a Number in the Packet with a Copy for your Perusal.

MANIFEST of Sundries Licenced by the President & Council of Fort St. George to be ship'd on board the Northumberland Capt. John Mitford for China by the Following Persons for which Freight is to be paid to the SupraCargoes of Council there.

Mark. & N°.	Package.			
		By Mr. Anthony Sadleir Consigned to Mr. Thomas Arnot.		
A.S. 1 @ 4 ..	4 Casks	COCHINEAL Weighing lb, 775. d. 8. @ P. 2—22—40 pr. lb. ...	2035 24 60	
D°. 5 @ 7 ..	3 Chests	CAMPHIRE BAROOS Weighing Head 163¼ Belly 144¾ Foot 87¾		
		Head 163¼ or Cuttys. 123 oz. 1 @ P. 8½ pr Catty P. 1045—14—32.		
		Belly 144¾ or 109.2 @ P. 4D°. 436—6—62.		
		Foot 87¾ or 66-2 @ Fans. 30 D°. 55 2 46	1536 23 60	
		CORAL Vizt.		
D°. N°. 8 ..	1 Box	Groces fine Seer. 44 oz. 2 @ P. 10 pr. Sr. P. 442 8 —		
		Filotas 6. 6¾ @ 13 D°. 87 27 —		
		Capos 3. 3½ @ 22 D°. 74 80 —		
		Conenas 3¾ @ 50 D°. 20 30 —	625 13 —	
				4197 25 40
		By Shaimir Sultan Consigned to Messrs. Torrer Johannes and Artum Jacob.		
S̃.U.	1 Chest	One Chest of Coral and Pearls Value		7362 — —
		PAGODAS ..		11559 25 40

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JULY 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY,
Secy.

REPORT OF ASSAYS made of the different Sorts of Rupees consigned to CHINA from the Presidency of FORT ST. GEORGE in July 1764.

Quality.	Number of Rupees assayed.	Better than standard.	
ARCOT RUPEES ..	10	4½ dwt.	These it is hoped never vary but for the better.
BOMBAY Do. ..	10	12 dwt.	In General these is found to be from 11 to 12½ dwt.
SURAT Do.			
OLD ...	5	5 dwt.	There is little or no Dependance upon Surat or Mazulapatam Rupees as they are found very Frequently of Different Fineness. The Surat from 2 dwt. to 8 dwt. and the Massulapatam from 2½ to 5 dwt. better. These last have been ever found to be 7½ & 8 dwt. but that is very rare.
NEW ...	5	2 dwt.	
MASSULAPTM. Do.			
OLD ...	10 }	5 dwt.	
NEW ...	10 }		
SICCAS .. }		8 dwt.	This is taken from the Register of Assays in the Mint & supposed to be old Rupees coined by the Country Government before the Establishment of a Mint at Calcutta for it is said the proper fineness of those now now [*sic*] issued by the English is 12 dwt.
SONAT .. }			

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JULY 1764.

CLAUD RUSSELL,
Assay Master.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON PR. SHIP NORTHUMBERLAND.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 28th. July 1764.

2 Duplicate Do. . . . Dated 9th. May 1764.

3 Triplicate Do. . . Dated 12th April 1764.

4 Invoice of Ship Northumberland to Canton.

5 Bill of Lading of Do. also Bills of Lading of Mr. Sadleirs & Shaumir Sultans Goods on Respondentia.

6 Abstract of the Pitts Invoice to Canton.

7 Second Bill of Lading of Do.

8 Copy of the Northumberlands Charterparty.

9 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize Licenced to be ship'd on board the Northumberland for Coast & China.

10 Copy of ship Northumberlands Victualling Bill.

11 Packet Directed to Messrs. Thoms. Fitzhugh, Samuel Blount &ca. SupraCargoes of Council at Canton rec'd from England pr. Ship Northumberland.

12 Account of Copper & Grain, Tin Defecient & Broad Cloth & perpetuanoes Damaged pr. Ship Northumberland.

13 Account of Iron deficient p^r. Ship Northumberland dated Fort St. George 21st. July 1764.

The two last Papers to be forwarded to England on the said ship.

14 Duplt. Copy Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa in Answer to the SupraCargoes Complaints against the Portuguese at Macao Dated 30th. July 1763.

15 Computation of the Consignments to Canton in 1764.

16 Respondentia Bond of Mr. Anthony Sadleir for Pags. 4200 payable to Messrs. Thos. Fitzhugh, Saml. Blount &ca. Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton.

17 Respondentia Bond of Shaumir Sultan for Ps. 5000 payable also to the SupraCargoes of Council at CANTON.

18 Manifest of Goods permitted to be Ship'd on the Northumberland by the above mentioned Gentlemen.

19 Assay Masters report of the Assay of Silver sent to Canton in July 1764.

20 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Captn. & Officers of Ship Northumberland.

21 Price Current of China Goods @ Fort St. George 28th. July 1764.

22 Packet from the Secret Committee to Messrs. Thos. Fitzhugh, Samul. Blount &ca. Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton.

23 Copy Captn. Mitfords sailing orders dated 29th. July 1764.

24 Acct. of Goods purchased at Madras for the China Ships.

25 General Letter from the President &ca. Council at Fort St. George to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple at Sooloo to be forwarded to him the First opportunity.

26 Copy of the above Letter to Mr. Dalrymple.

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH. JULY 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 78.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN MITFORD
OF SHIP NORTHUMBERLAND.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the river of Canton where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the SupraCargoes of Council there whose orders you are to follow for your future proceedings.

DATED AT FORT ST. GEORGE THIS 29TH. JULY 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 79.

To Mr. Alexander Dalrymple.

Sir

Inclosed is Duplicate of a Letter we wrote to you the 29th. Last Month by the Northumberland to China. Notwithstanding the permission therein given you to return this season to Europe on reconsidering the state of the Companys concerns at Sooloo and the hopes given them of the Great advantages to be expected from that adventure we think it incumbent on you to defer your Departure untill the outstanding Ballances have been collected in. We therefore recommend to you to remain untill this is accomplish'd after which you are at liberty to return to England whenever you shall see proper.

You have no doubt been Inform'd by the Gentlemen of Council at Canton of the Great Loss sustain'd by the Sooloo Goods dispos'd of last year. This circumstance we think renders you attending to the Instructions we now send you the more necessary that the Company may be satisfy'd you have done all in your power to adjust the Accounts of this Adventure to the best advantage after all the disappointments with which it has been attended.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
4th. August 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geore. Stratton.

No. 80.

To Messrs. Thoms. Fitzhugh, Samul. Blount, George Mandeville, Nathanl. Garland, Willm. Mackenzee, Alexr. Hume, Stepn. De Visme, Thoms. Smith, Mann Horner, Willm. Rous and Willm. Harrison Esqrs. of Council at Canton.

Gentlemen

We wrote to you the 28th. Last Month by the Northumberland and by that opportunity consigned to you in Treasure and Merchandize to the Amount of Pags. 154709–22. Our Honble Masters Ships Worcester & Lord Holland now proceed to you with a further supply as pr. their respective Invoices enclosed, amounting to Pags. 118,980–10–2 (F. C.).

From the out turn of the last Gold sent hither from China, and the present exchange of Rupees at this place it appears that sending Gold to Canton will Yield a Grain of 8 pr. Cent. We have therefore been Induced to Consign to you a Quantity amounting to Pags. 36818 being 3842–7–6 (Oz. dwt. Grs.) An Assay whereof is transmitted in the Packet & we desire you will Inform us by the Earliest opportunity how it may answer, and how far it may be depended on as a resourse on future occasions when neither silver or Merchandize may be procurable.

Although in our Letter to Mr. Dalrymple by the Northumberland We gave him permision to go to England this season, but on reconsidering the state of the Companys Concerns at Sooloo We think it incumbent on him to defer his Departure untill he has taken proper Measures for getting in the Outstanding Ballances to which purport we now write him, enclose Copy of our Letter for your perusal.

These ships have orders to call first at Manilha as you will be advised by a Letter from the other Department.

The Company have by the ships of this season consigned to us ten tons of Grain Tin, five of which they have directed to be reconsigned to you & are now sent by the Worcester with Copy of their Orders concerning it.

The Caernarvon from Madeira for Coast & Bay arrived the 1st. Instant & the Duke of Glocester for China yesterday which will be dispatch'd to you as soon as possible.

The Several Papers forwarded by the Worcester and Lord Holland appear in the Lists of the Packets by those ships respectively.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obet. humbe. Servts.
Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

Report of 26 Ingots of Gold belonging to the Honble Company assayed at Madras the 3d. & 4th. of August 1764.

		oz.	dwt.		Touch.
No. 1	Poiz.	148	16	—	81¼
2		149	10	—	81½
3		149	2	12	81¼
4		149	6	18	81¼
5		148	2	—	81¼
6		149	18	—	81¼
7		148	—	12	81½
8		153	10	12	80
9		150	1	—	82¾
10		149	19	—	83¾
11		146	18	12	83¾
12		153	7	12	85¾
13		151	7	—	85½
14		153	9	12	85¾
15		146	—	—	85½
16		144	18	—	85¾
17		151	8	—	85¾
18		159	13	—	85¾
19		157	11	12	85¾
20		163	—	—	85¾
21		158	16	—	85¾
22		156	18	—	85¾
23		163	6	—	85¾
24		164	2	12	85½
25		161	2	12	85¾
26		14	4	—	85½
26 Ingots Poiz		3842	8	6	

Fort St. George
4th. August 1764.

Claud Russell,
Assay Master.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON PR. SHIP WORCESTER.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 4th. August 1764.
2 Duple. Do. . . . . . Dated 28th. July 1764.
3 Triplicate Do. Dated 9th. May 1764.
4 Invoice of ship Worcester to Canton.
5 Bill of Lading of Do.
6 Abstract of Ship Northumberlands Invoice.
7 Second Bill of Lading of Do.
8 Copy Worcesters Charterparty.
9 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize Licensed to be ship'd on the Worcester for Coast & China.
10 Copy Victualling Bill of Ship Worcester.
(the three last Papers deliver'd to Mr. Mc.Kenzie).
11 Triplicate Copy Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa in Answer to the SupraCargoes Complaints against the Portuguese at Macao Dated 30th. July 1763.
12 Duplicate Computations of the Consignments to Canton in 1764.
13 Duple. account of Goods purchased at Madras for the China ships.
14 Duple. Assay Masters Report of the Assay of Silver consigned to Canton in 1764.
15 Duplicate Manifest of Goods permitted to be ship'd to Canton in the Northumberland.
16 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Captn. & Officers of Ship Worcester.
17 Prize Current of China Goods at Fort. St. George Augt. 1764.
18 Account Deficiency of Grain Tin pr. Ship Worcester.
19 Account Deficiency of Stores pr. Ship Worcester.
(the two last Papers to be forwarded to England on that ship)
20 Assay of Gold consigned to Canton pr. Ship Worcester & Lord Holland.
21 Extract of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to the President & Council of Fort St. George Dated 30 Decr. 1763, concerning Grain Tin to be forwarded to Canton.
22 Copy Letter to Mr. Dalrymple Dated 4th. August 1764.
23 Duple. Copy Do. to Do. . . . Dated 29th. July 1764.
24 Packet from the Secret Committee to the SupraCargoes of Council at Canton deliver'd to Captn. Hall.
25 Copy of Captn. Hall's sailing Orders Dated 6th. August 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE — WM. ALDERSEY
6TH. AUGUST 1764. — *Secy.*

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON PR. SHIP LORD HOLLAND.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 4th. August 1764.
2 Triplicate Do. . . . . Dated 28th. July 1764.
3 Invoice of Ship Lord Holland to Canton.
4 Bills of Lading of Do.
5 Abstract of Ship Worcesters Invoice to Canton.
6 Second Bill of Lading of Do.

7 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize Licensed to be ship'd on Lord Holland for Coast & China.
8 Copy Ship Lord Hollands Charterparty.
9 Copy Ship Lord Hollands Victualling Bill.
10 Triplicate Computation of the Consignments to Canton in 1764.
11 Account of Goods purchased at Madras for the China ships in 1764.
12 Triplicate Assay Masters Report of the Assay of Silver consigned to Canton in July 1764.
13 Assay of Gold Consigned to Canton pr. Worcester & Holland.
14 Duplicate Extract of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to the President & Council of Fort St. George dated 30 Decemr. 1763 concerning Grain Tin to be forwarded to Canton.
15 List of Goods Landed at Fort St. George by the Captain & Officers of Ship Lord Holland.
16 Price Current of China Goods at Fort St. George.
17 Duple. Copy Letters to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple Dad. 4th. Augt. 1764.
18 Triplicate Copy Do. to Do. Dated 29th. July 1764.
19 Packet from the Secret Committee to the SupraCargoes of Council at Canton, Deliver'd to Captn. Nairn.
20 Account of Lead & Grain Tin Deficient and Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes damaged pr. Ship Lord Holland.
21 Acct. of stores Deficient pr. ship Lord Holland.
22 Acct. Deficiency of Milatary Stores pr. Ship Lord Holland. (The 3 last Papers to be forwarded to England on that ship).
23 Copy Captn. Nairn's sailing orders Dated 6th. August 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE
6TH. AUGUST 1764.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MANILHA PR. SHIP WORCESTER.

No. 1 Duplie. General Letter . . . Dated 12th April 1764.
2 Packet to Canton pr. Worcester to be forwarded thither on that ship.
3 Copy Captn. Halls sailing orders dated 6th. Augt. 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE WM. ALDERSEY
6TH. AUGT. 1764. *Secry.*

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MANILHA PR. SHIP LORD HOLLAND.

No. 1 Triplicate General Letter . . . Dated 12th. April 1764.
2 Packet to Canton pr. Ship Lord Holland to be forwarded thither on that ship.
3 Copy Captn. Nairns sailing orders Dated 6th. August 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE WM. ALDERSEY
6TH. AUGT. 1764. *Secry.*

No. 81.

TO CAPTAIN RICHARD HALL
OF SHIP WORCESTER.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Manilha where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governor &ca. Council, or in their Absence to whomsoever may have the Charge of the Honble Companys affairs there, whose orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings.

If you should find no Resident at Manilha in behalf of the Honble Company and that all the Troops at Manilha are Withdrawn you are in that Case to proceed on to Canton without Delay & Deliver the said Packet to the Gentlemen of Council there agreable to its Directions.

But in Case there is no person Deputed by the Deputy Governor &ca. Council, and you shoud notwithstanding find Captn. Backhouse or any other Commanding the English Forces at Manilha you are to give all the Assistance in your power towards conveying the Troops & Stores to Canton agreably to the seperate Instructions herewith deliver'd you.

We wish you a safe passage and Date this in Fort St. George 6th. August 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 82.

N.B. A Dispatch of the Like Form and the same Date to Captn. Fasham Nairn of the Lord Holland.

No. 83.

TO THE HONBLE CHAS. CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Para 1. Enclosed is Duplicate of our last under Date the 18th. Ultimo & We have since receiv'd your Favor of the 15th. June.

2d. The Northumberland, Worcester, and Lord Holland whose arrival from England we advised in our Letters of the 4th. & 18 of July have proceeded on their voyage to Canton the Former the 31st. of Last Month and the other two the 6th. Instant and we have now the Pleasure to acquaint your Honor &ca. with the arrival of the Following.

Caernarvon from Madiera for Coast & Bay the 1st. Instant.

Duke of Glocester for China the 3d.

Devonshire from Madeira for Coast & Bay the 4th.

Earl of Lincolm for China &
Vansittart for Coast & Bay } the 7th.

3d. We observe there are six ships appointed this Season to bring out the Consignments for your Presidency of which the Hoñble Court of Directors acquaint us they have good reason to believe only two or three at most can be laden home from your side and they propose that the supernumary ships (except the York which is to be the Annual ship to China) be employed in Carrying home the Investments from this Place & Bengal.

4. The Ships remaining of Last Year for this side of India are the Pocock, Bute & Middlesex and four are appointed for the Coast & Bay this season, of these seven ships two will be returned to England from hence & we imagine the Gentlemen at Bengal will not be able to provide more than three, so that we shall probably have two ships on hand, besides such destin'd to your side as are directed to be considered as Coast & Bay ships.

On a supposition that of the Ships destined to Bombay there will be three more than can be returned with cargo to Europe five will be brobably [*sic*] be remaining on hand this season, it becomes therefore expedient to consider by what means they can be employed most for the Companys Advantage & consistently with their Directions of this season a Copy of which comes enclosed.

If no other service shoud offer for the ships on your side, The sending them to China wou'd be the most eligible means of employing them if the Necessary stocks can be provided for that purpose. We therefore in that Case beg leave to recommend to you the provision of Goods to as large an amount as possible, as we are quite uncertain of being able to procure any considerable Quantity at this Place and that you will also take all opportunities of drawing upon us if it can be any ways assisting to you in this respect & we hope it will be equally convenient to the Gentlemen at Bengal if you shoud make any drafts upon them, to whom we have also wrote on this subject and shall be glad to co-operate in any measure that may be judged most elegible on this occasion as soon as we hear from them we shall write to you further.

Shou'd you determine in the mean time to send any ship or ships round to the Coast We desire the supply of Timber and Plank we wrote for with as many more of the same Dimensions as may be procurable be sent us, & that their Departure be as early as possible so as to arrive here the beginng. of Janry. as in that Case all the French Remaining here may be embarkd on them for the Islands & the said ship or ships may afterwards be employed at Madagascar in purchasing slaves for the West Coast so as to return [hither] or to Bengall the latter end of next year.

By the 56th. and 57th. Paragraphs of our Hoñble Masters commands to us dated 30th. December 1763 Copies whereof are now forwarded you will observe they have made a Standing order for the annual Provision of Treasure & goods for the China Market, We shall therefore Depend on your Honor &ca. giving us all the Assistance in your power for that purpose the Provision at Merchandize at this place being very precarious as we have already observed which as [*sic*] also been the case in regard to silver this Year, as the large supplies sent to China last season and the year before has entirely drained our settlement of that Article.

9. The Gentlemen at China expect to have twelve ships there this season and as the Company do not find it convenient to send out any Treasure We have exerted all our endeavors to supply the occasions of that Investment from hence, to this time we have consigned thither in Treasure and Merchandize to the amount of three Lack of Pagodas which with what will be receiv'd with the Latham from your Settlement the British King Ben [*sic*] Bengal, the Lord Clive from Bencoolen, and the Consignments from Europe which are only in Merchandize will we hope enable Gentlemen there to provide Cargoes for them.

10. Having tenter'd to Messrs. Pelling & De Fries the Bill of Rupees 79–3–30 enclosed in your Letter of the 15th. June for Customs on Account of

Goods imported at Bombay by Mr. Hatfield, they alledge that they have already been charged by him 110 Rupees on that Account. Copy of their Letter to our Secretary on this occasion comes enclosed.

11. By the Devonshire came a Letter for your Honor &ca. which we now forward.

We are

Fort St. George
13th. August 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedent. humbe. Servants

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the Packet to Bombay pr. Pattamar.

N[o.] 1 General Letter . . . Dated 13th. August 1764.

2 Duplicate Do. . . . Dated 18th. July 1764.

3 Copy of the 13th. 14, 56th. Paragraphs of the Companys General Letter To Fort St. George dated 30th. Decembr. 1764.

4 Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Pelling & Dufres to the Secretary of Fort St. George in Answer to the Demands to the President and Council of Bombay for Customs on their Goods consigned to Mr. Hatfield with an extract of a Letter from Mr. Hatfield to them relating thereto.

5 Packet Directed to the President and Council of Bombay rec'd pr. Devonshire.

Fort St. George
13th. Augt. 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

No. 84.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 2d. & 11th. of June, the latter enclosing a Packet for the President &ca. Council of Bombay which has been duely forwarded.

As it is very dubious whether we shall have an opportunity of sending a Vessell to bring the Timber & Planks you have provided for us, We hope the President &ca. Council of Bombay will be able to provide a Conveyance for that purpose as several of the Companys ships are ordered round.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you with the arrival of the Following ships this season from Europe.

Northumberland	.. .. ..	the 2d. July
Worcester	for Coast & China ..	14th. July
Lord Holland	.. .. ..	15th. July
Caernarvon	Coast & Bay	1 Augst.
Duke of Glocester	Coast & China ..	3
Devonshire	Coast & Bay ..	4
Earl of Lincoln	Coast & China	7
Vansittart	Coast & Bay ..	7

The Northumberland proceeded on her Voyage to Canton the 31 of Last Month and the Worcester & Lord Holland the 6th. Instant.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obediet. Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13TH. AUGT. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 85.

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MASULAPATAM.

SIR

The Company having in their Commands of this season acquainted us that if any Cloths are of the proper Lengths & Breadths they have no objection to their being taken in part of the Investment provided an adequate abatement is made for any Defect in the Quality. This is a Rule you must strictly attend to in future with respect to the turn'd out Cloths of the Dimensions required.

As the sale of Woollens is a Matter our Honble Masters are very solicitous to have promoted as much as possible you will acquaint us whether there is a prospect of Getting off any quantity at your settlement and of what assortments.

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam being in want of Cash for their Investment you will supply them with what can be spared from the Ballances in your hands.

We are
SIR
Your most affectite. Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
13TH. AUGT. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 86.

TO JOHN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letters Dated the 23d. of June and 30th. Last Month the latter enclosing the Accounts of your settlement for April, May & June & General Books ending 30th. April. The Monthly Accounts shoud always be sent up early in the succeeding Month which you must punctually attend to in future.

The Company having in their Comm^ds^. of this season acquainted us that if any Cloths are of the proper Lengths & Breadths they may be taken in part of the Investment, provided an adequate abatement is made for any Defect in the Quality. This is a Rule you must strictly attend to in future with respect to all turn'd out Cloth of the Dimensions required.

As you are in want of a further supply of Cash for the Occasions of your Investment, We have directed M^r^. Pybus to send you what can be spared from his settlement.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affecti^te^. Friends

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
13TH AUGUST 1764.

ROB^T^. PALK.
STRING^R^. LAWRENCE.
CHA^S^. BOURCHIER.
RICH^D^. FAIRFIELD.
SAM^L^. ARDLEY.
CHA^S^. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

N°. 87.

TO JOHN LEWIN SMITH ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. COUNCIL AT CUDDALORE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 17th. & 23^d^. of Last Month.

The Company having in their Commands of this season acquainted us that the turned out Cloths of the Proper Lengths & Breadths are to be taken in part of the Investment provided an adequate abatement is made for any defect in the quality. This is therefore a Rule you must strictly attend to in future with respect to all turn'd out cloths of the Dimensions required.

As you represent that the Garden House can be made convenient for the Chief to reside in at the expence of a Thousand Pagodas you have our permission to lay out to that amount taking care that the Repairs do not exceed the said estimate.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
ROB^T^. PALK &C^A^. COUNCIL.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
13TH. AUG^ST^. 1764

N°. 88.

TO THE HON~BLE~ HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^A^. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS

We have been favour'd with your Letter of the 25th. June.

The Northumberland, Worcester & Lord Holland whose arrival from England we have already advised you of have proceeded on their voyage to Canton the Former the 31st. Last Month and the other two the 6th. Inst^t^. and we have now the pleasure to acquaint you with the arrival of the Following.

Caernarvon from Madeira for Coast & Bay the 1st. Instnt.

Duke of Glocester for China the 3d.

Devonshire from Madeira for Coast & Bay the 4th.

Earl of Lincolm for China & } the 7th.
Vansittart for Coast & Bay }

We observe there are six ships appointed this season to bring out the Consignments for Bombay of which the Honble Court of Directors acquaint us they have good reason to believe only two or three at most can be laden home from that side and they propose that the supenumary [*sic*] ships (except the York which is to be the Bombay & China Ship) be employed in Carrying the Consignments from this and your Presidency.

The Ships remaining of last Year for this side of India are the Pocock, Bute and Middlesex, and four are appointed for the Coast & Bay this season of their seven ships two can be returned to England from hence in October & February and if your Honor &ca. shoud not be able to provide for more than three there will be two ships on hand besides such destined to Bombay as are directed to be considered as Coast & Bay Ships.

On a supposition that of the ships destined to Bombay there will be three more than can be returned with cargoes to Europe, five will probably be remaining in India this season, it becomes therefore expedient to consider by what means they can be employed most for the Companys Advantage.

The Dispatching to China such as cann [*sic*] be returned with Cargoes to Europe is a measure recommended by the Company and will certainly be the most eligible, if the Necessary Stocks can be provided for them by the 56th. & 57th. Paragraphs of our Honble Masters Commands to us dated 30th. December 1763 Copies of which with some other relating to their shipping comes enclosed, you will observe they have made a standing order for the annual Provision of Treasure and Goods for the China Market. The Procuring of the Former at this place being very precarious as well as Treasure, since our settlement has been drained of the large supplies of silver sent to China last season and the year before, We have appointed the Gentlemen at Bombay that we depend on their giving us all the Assistance they are able in this respect, desiring they will take all opportunities of drawing upon us if that will be a means of supplying the China Markett, and We hope it will be equally convenient to you if for that purpose they shoud make any Drafts on your Presidency.

Shoud the Gentlemen at Bombay determine to order any ship or ships round to the Coast, We have desired that a supply of Timber & Plank may be sent us & that their Departure be as Early as possible so as to arrive here the beginning of Janry, as in that Case all the French remaining here may be embarked on them for the Islands and the said ship or ships may afterwards be employed at Madagascar in purchasing slaves for the West Coast so as to return hither or to Bengal the latter end of the year.

If the Pocock shoud return from Manilha in time we intend dispatching her to Europe in October otherwise we shall detain one of the ships of this season for that purpose. We hope the arrival of Intelligence from Manilha will soon enable us to determine.

The Gentlemen at China expect to have twelve ships there this year and as the Company do not find it Convenient to send out any Treasure We have exerted all our endeavors to supply the occasions of that Investment from hence, to this time we have consigned thither in Treasure and Merchandize to the amount of three Lacks of Pagodas which with what will be receiv'd by the British King from your settlement the Latham from Bombay, the Lord Clive from Bencoolen and the Consignments from Europe (which are only in Merchandize) will we hope enable the Gentlemen there to provide Cargoes for them.

We have a sufficient Quantity of Salt Petre remaining for our October ship. For the two ships we purpose sending home in February and September next year, and the occasions of this Settlement We have occasion for two Hundred & Fifty Tons more which we request you will supply us with by the Earliest opportunities.

We must here observe that the last supply of Salt petre we receiv'd was so full of Dirt that it is not only attended with a Considerable expence in refining but a Great Loss also by wastage. We therefore request to be supplied with better in future, otherwise What we have occasion to reserve for the Manufacture of Gunpowder will by no means answer that purpose.

The Caernarvon having landed her Consignments of Madeira Wine which is all she had on board for this Presidency now proceeds to you and We forward by this opportunity two Packets receiv'd for your Honor &c^a^. by the Duke of Glocester and Earl of Lincoln with sundry Papers agreably to the List enclosed.

The Gentlemen at Fort Marlborough will have occasion for ten Pipes of Madeira Wine & as it is reasonable we shoud contribute equally towards the supply of that Settlement, We recommend to your Honour &c^a^. to forward to them that Quantity if an opportunity should offer and we will replace five of them from hence.

There being 122 Coils of Cordage on board the Duke of Glocester for your Presidency We have orderd them to be transferr'd in equal proportions a board the Caernarvon & Devonshire an Invoice whereof comes enclosed.

In our Letter of the 14 June We mention'd that we shoud be in want of Packing stuff annually for 4000 Bales. Inclosed is an Indent specifying the Quantity necessary for that purpose Which we request you will supply us with by the first opportunity.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obede^t^. humb^e^. serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. George
13th. Augt. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
String^r^. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Rich^d^. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the Packet to Fort William P^r^. Ship Caernarvon.

[N^o^.] 1 General Letter . . . Dated 13th. Augt. 1764.
2 Duplic^e^. D^o^. . . . Dated [*lacuna*].
4 Invoice of Cordage p^r^. Ship Caernarvon.
4 Bill of Lading of . . . D^o^.
5 Copy of the Caernarvons Charterparty.
6 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize Licensed to be ship'd on board the Caernarvon for Coast & Bay.
7 Copy of the Caernarvons Victualling Bill.
8 Account Deficiency of Madeira Wine p^r^. Ship Caernarvon to be transmitted to England on that ship.
9 Copies of 13th. 14th. 15th. 17th. 56th. & 57th. Pragraphs [*sic*] of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^t^. George Dated 30 Decr. 1763.
10 List of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort S^t^. George by the Capt. & Officers of Ship Caernarvon.

11 Duplie. Copy Letter from the Milatary Storekeeper concerning a Deficiency of Flints sent to Bengal pr. Snow Savoy Salimity with an Attestation of the Conductor of the Laboratory relating to their Package.

12 Packet Directed to the President & Council of Fort William recd. pr. Earl of Lincoln.

13 Packet Directed to the Presit. &ca. Council of Fort William recd. pr. Duke of Glocester.

14 Indent of Packing stuff wanted at Fort St. George.

15 Copy Captn. Hutchinsons sailing orders Dated 18th. Augst. 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13TH AUGST. 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 89.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our President has Communicated to us a Letter he receiv'd by the Devonshire from Mr. Secretary James dated 21st. January intimating that the Secret Committee receiv'd Information upon the point of the Caernarvons Departure from the Downs that sundry Goods had been Clandestinely laden on board that ship and as it was then too late to make an Effectual search by taking out her Cargo, directing that Measures might be taken for that purpose on her arrival here in Consequence of which the upper searcher of the Sea Gate and master attendant of this Place by Private orders from the President repaired on board the Caernarvon and examined the ship as far as they cou'd but without being able to make any discovery.

We are of opinion it will impossible [*sic*] to make an Effectual search except by taking out the ships cargo but as that woud be attended with many Inconveniencies at this Place particularly as she laden entirely for your Presidency, and it woud retard the Departure of the two China ships when the season is already so late at the same time that you woud be deprived of the Milatary she has on board for your Presidency perhaps another month, We have thought it most consistent with the Companys Interest not to detain her and therefore give you this Information that your Honor may take the necessary steps in Consequence upon the ships arrival with you. Enclosed is Copy of Mr. Secretary James Letter to our President abovementioned also of the Presidents Instructions to the Persons appointed here to make the search with their report in Consequence.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedit. humble servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13TH. AUGT. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 90.

To Captn. Norton Hutchinson
of Ship Caernarvon.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship & make the best of your way to the river of Bengal, and proceed as far up as Rogues River from whence you are to forward the Packet herewith deliverd you to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions.

We wish you a good voyage and Date this at Fort St. George this 13th. Day August 1764.

Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

No. 91.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Our Hoñble Masters Ship Devonshire being under dispatch for Bengal We have taken the opportunity by her to compleat the Remainder of your Indent for Stores and send you also a supply of three thousand eight Hundred & Thirty six Madrass Pagodas for your Investment which with what you will receive from Mr. Pybus in Consequence of a Letter we wrote to him the 13th. Instant, will we imagine be sufficient for your present occasions, Invoice & Bills of Lading for the Stores & Treasure are Enclosed to enable us to supply your Occasions more Exactly, we recommend in future you advise us of the sum you imagine may be wanted.

It being necessary the Ship shoud arrive in Bengal as early as possible you must land the stores with all expedition and give the Captain your Dispatches according to the Enclosed Form with the accompanying Packet directed to the President &ca. Council there.

The orders of the Company for taking in at a proper abatement all turned out Cloths of the proper Lengths & Breadths being positive you must send us a Bale of the best of what you think shoud be totally rejected for our Further Directions.

As the sale of Woollens is a Matter our Hoñble Masters are very sollicitous to have promoted as much as possible you will acquaint us whether there is a prospect of getting off any Quantity at your settlement and of what assortments.

You must give particular attention to our former orders to send up your Bales for the October Dispatch by the very earliest opportunity.

As we have sent you a supply of small arms, and other stores for your Garrison by this opportunity We expect you will be carefull to discipline your men and keep the Garrison in the best order you can.

If you have no use for the Empty Casks mentioned in your Letter of the 24th. March to have been Landed from the Cuddalore schooner you may dispose of them for what they can fetch.

We have receiv'd a Letter from the Governor & Council of Negapatam acquainting us they have been advised from Bimlepatam that some of their merchants who were Indebted to their Company absconded from thence to

Vizagapatam and other Places and on there taking measures to secure them were prevented through your means. We enclose Copy of the Letter from Negapatam and desire you will acquaint us with the Particular Circumstances of this matter by the first opportunity.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. AUGUST 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 92.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote to you by the Caernarvon under Date the 13th. Instant a Duplicate of which accompanies this and have since receiv'd your favor of the 16th. Last Month with the several papers enclosed of the Greyhounds Packet from Fort Marlborough.

The Devonshire having landed our Consignments for this Presidency we have directed her to call at Vizagapatam with some Treasure and stores for the supply of that settlement, from whence she is to proceed to you with all convenient dispatch.

Inclosed is an account of sixty two Coils of Cordage transferrd from the Duke of Glocester to the Devonshire for your Presidency of which we advised your Honor &ca. in our Letter by the Caernarvon.

We therein mention'd also the bad condition of the Last supply of Salt petre we receiv'd, and by a Report since made to us from our Committee of Works it appears that in pulverising 240 lbs. there arises a Loss of no less than 109 lbs.

As the Packet we receiv'd from Madeira by the Devonshire contain'd the Invoice and Bills of Lading of the Madeira Wine ship'd on board her for your Presidency we were under the necessity of opening your Packet to look for the Invoice and Bill of Lading of our Consignments which we have found and replaced them with those enclosed in our Packet for your Honor &ca.

We transmitted with your Letter of the 13th. Instant an Indent of our Packing stuff we desired to be supply'd with annually for four Thousand Bales a Duplicate of which now wait on you with several other Papers according to the List of the Packet.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. AUGUST 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEOGE. STRATTON.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO VIZAGAPATAM PR. SHIP DEVONSHIRE.

N[o.] 1 General Letter . . . Dated 23d. Augt. 1764.

2 Duple. Do. . . . . Dated 13th. Do.

3 Invoice of sundries pr. Ship Devonshire.

4 Bill of Lading of Do.

5 Packet Directed to the President & Council of Fort William to be forwarded thither on the Devonshire.

6 Copy of Letter from Negapatam to the President & Council Dated July 1764.

7 Copy of a Dispatch for Bengal (to serve as a Guide to the Chief &ca. Council) to Dispatch the Devonshire thither.

8 Copy Captn. Quicks sailing orders Dated 23d. Augt. 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. AUGT. 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM PR. SHIP DEVONSHIRE.

[No.] 1 General Letter . . Dated 23d. Augt. 1764.

2 Duplie. Do. . . . Dated 13th. Do.

3 Invoice of Ship Devonshire.

4 Bills of Lading of Do.

5 Abstract of Caernarvons Invoice to Bengal.

6 Second Bills of Lading of Do.

7 Packet from Madeira to the President &ca. Council of Fort William recd. pr. ship Devonshire.

8 Copy of the Devonshires Charterparty.

9 Copy of her Victualling Bill.

10 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize Licenced to be shipd on the Devonshire for Coast & Bay.

11 List of Goods Landed at Fort St. George by the Captn. & officers of ship Devonshire.

12 Account Deficiency of Madeira Wine to Fort St. George pr. Ship Devonshire to be forwarded on her to Europe.

13 Duple. Copies of the 13th. 14th. 15th. 17th. 56th. & 57th. Paragras. of the Compys. General Letter Dated 30th. Decr. 1763.

14 Dupe. Indent for Packing stuff wanted at Fort St. George.

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. AUGT. 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 93.

To Captain Andrew Quick
of Ship Devonshire.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam w[h]ere on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief & Council there, whose orders you are to follow for your future proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George 23d. August 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geo: Stratton.

No. 94.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Governor [*sic*] of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We take the opportunity of sending round to you by the Admiral Steevens 950 Bales of Woollens being all that remain here of the Consignments receiv'd here for your Presidency for which the same Freight is to be paid as was allowed last year to Captain Howe of the Winchelsea.

As the Invoice cannot be prepared in time to send by the Ship We shall forward it to you by Pattamar the 1st. Bill of Lading waits on you enclosed.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
25th. August 1764.

No. 95.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council of Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter Dated the 14th. Instt.

We consent to allow Mr. Whitehill three Hundd. Pagodas for the purchase of his Godowns at Cuddalore according to the Estimate you mention to have been made of their value & you may pay it accordingly.

As your sorting Godowns are at such a distance from Cuddalore and the assistance have Rivers to pass in going to them, We have in Consequence of the application of Mr. Goddard and Mr. Barclay agreed to allow 5 Pagodas a Month to each of them for Palanqueens, which however you are to remember is to be discontinued as soon as the Factory is Established at Cuddalore.

You must be particularly attentive to our former Directions to send up your Bales for the October dispatch by the very earliest opportunitys.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. AUGT. 1764

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your affectionate Friends

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 96.

TO THE HONBLE CHRISTIAN VANTEYLINGEN ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL AT NEGAPATAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receivd your Letter of the Last Month relating to the Information you have receiv'd from the Gentlemen of your Factory at Bimlepatam of the Detention of some merchants at Vizagapatam who are indebted to your Company, We immediately communicated the purport of your Letter to our Gentlemen at that settlement, and when they have explained to us the Motives of their proceedings We shall give you our sentiments thereon. In the mean time We are with great respect.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. AUGUST 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servts.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 97.

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 12th. Instant enclosing the Monthly accounts of your settlement for May & June.

You must be particularly attentive to our former Directions to send up your Bales for the October dispatch by the earliest opportunity.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. AUGUST 1764.

SIR
Your affectionate Friends

ROBT. PALK &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 98.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last by the Devonshire dated the 23d. Instant. The Duke of Albany arrived the same Day and as we have determined to detain her for our October Ship in case the Admiral Pocock should not arrive soon from Manilha, we have put on board the Vansittart such part of the Duke of Albanys Consignments for your Presidency as she coud take in with which she now proceeds to you, The Packets for your Honor &ca. by the Duke of Albany both from England & Madeira We have been obliged to open for the Invoices and Bills of Lading.

The Madeira Wine on board the Duke of Albany for this Presidency being nearest at hand We thought it best to save time to order 26 Pipes on board the Vansittart of which the Invoice and Bills of Lading come enclosed & also one Pipe of your own Consignment in all 27. We shall in its stead detain here the Consignments intended by the Albany for your Presidency consisting of 32 Pipes the other five having been ship'd on a Country Vessell the Maria Marcelina bound to Fort Marlbro.

In our Letter of the 13th. Instant we recommend to your Honor &ca. to send ten pipes of Madeira Wine to the West Coast if any conveyance shoud offer from Bengal but as this Vessell is now on her Departure from hence We have taken the opportunity of supplying them with ten Pipes, We therefore debt Bencoolen Presidency for the whole, being one Thousand Pagodas giving you Credit for five Hundred.

Three Chests of Coral with some private Treasure and Plate which came out for Bengal in the Duke of Albany are forwarded in the Vansittart.

Our Mint Indents not having been complied with this season we are in great want of Parting Glasses and request your Honor &ca. will supply us for the present with as many as you can possibly spare by the very first opportunity.

We are

Fort St. George
30th. Augt. 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geoge. Stratton.

List of the Packet to Fort William Pr. Ship Vansittart.

1 General Letter . . . Dated 30th. August 1764.
2 Duple. Do. . . . Dated 23d. Do.
3 Invoice of Sundries pr. Ship Vansittart to be forwarded next opportunity.
4 Bills of Lading.
5 Abstract of Ship Devonshires Invoice to Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Lading.
7 Copy Vansittarts Charterparty.

8 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licenced to be shipd on the Vansittart for Coast & Bay.
9 Copy of the Vansittart's Victualling Bill.
10 List of Goods & Merchandize Landed at Fort St. George by the Capt. & Officers of Ship Vansittart.
11 Account Deficiency of Madeira Wine to Fort St. George ℔ Vansittart to be forwarded to England on that ship.
12 Letter from Madeira for the President & Council of Fort William recd. pr. Duke of Albany with an account of the Marks, Numbers & Contents of 27 Pipes forwarded pr. Vansittart also Bengal Invoice.
13 List of the Private Consignments for Bengal pr. Ship Duke of Albany.
14 Bill of Lading of such of them as are ship'd on the Vansittart under a seperate Cover.
15 Box Packet from England Directed to the President & Council of Fort William Deliver'd to Captn. Lewin.
16. Copy Capt. Lewins Sailing orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. AUGT. 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 99.

TO CAPT. RICHARD LEWIN
OF SHIP VANSITTART.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the river of Bengal and proceed up as far as Rogues river, from whence you are to forward the Packet herewith deliver'd you to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your ship up higher without their particular Directions. We wish you a Good voyage and Date this at Fort St. George this 30th. Augt. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 100.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We enclose Copy of a Letter our President has receiv'd from Captn. Morris at the French Islands dated 2d. July, giving advice of the Boscawen having sprung a Leak ten leagues to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope

which reduced them to the Necessity of bearing away for the Mauritious where they arrived the 26th. June and found the Middlesex preparing to sail for the Isle of Bourbon.

We are

Fort St. George
31st. August 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servts.
Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

No. 101.

To the Honble Chas. Crommelin Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you the 13th. Instant by pattamar and the 25th. by the Admiral Steevens of which we now forward Duplicates with Invoice and second Bill of Lading of the 950 Bales of Woollens sent round to your Honor &ca. by that ship.

Enclosed is Copy of a Letter our President has receiv'd from Captain Morris at the French Islands dated the 2d. July giving advice of the Boscawens having sprung a Leak ten leagues to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope which reduced them to the Necessity of bearing away for the Mauritius where they arrived the 26th. June, also a Letter accompanying it to Captain Crabb which he desired may be forwarded over land.

Our Honble Masters Ship the Duke of Albany arrived here the 23d. Last Month and we purpose dispatching her to Europe in October if the Admiral Pocock shoud not arrive with us in time from Manilha.

We take this opportunity of forwarding a Packet receivd for your Honor &ca. by the Caernarvon.

We are

Fort St. George
1st. Septr. 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geore. Stratton.

List of the Packet to Bombay Pr. Pattamar.

N[o]. 1 General Letter . . Dated 1st. Sepr. 1764.
2 Duple. Do. . . Dated 25th. Augst. 1764.
3 Duple. Do. . . . Dated 13th. Augt. 1764.
4 Invoice of Woollens consigned to Bombay pr. Ship Admiral Steevens.
5 Second Bill of Lading of Do.
6 Copy Letter from Captn. Morris of Ship Boscawen at the Mauritius Dated 2d. July 1764.
7 General Letter Directed to the President & Council of Bombay rec'd from England pr. Ship Caernarvon.

8 Duple. Copy of the of the [*sic*] 13th. 14th. 56th. & 57th. Paragraphs of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George Dated 30th. Decr. 1764 [*sic*].

9 Duple. Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Pelling and De Fries to the Secretary of Fort St. George in answer to the Demands of the President & Council of Bombay for Customs on their Goods Consigned to Mr. Hatfield with an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Hatfield to them relating thereto.

FORT ST. GEORGE
1 SEPTEMBER 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 102.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER CARTER ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBRO.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have rec'd your several Letters dated the 4th. & 12th. of Febry. and 3d. May.

The Plassey having fallen to Leeward put in at Vizagapatam from thence proceeded to Bengal where the President & Council acquaint us they shall sell as you have recommended, We have left it to them to dispose of the Wares & Military Cloathing as you have directed and they acquaint us they will demand of Captain Clews the amount of what you represent him to be indebted to the Company.

We are advised this season by our Honble Masters of their having made Choise of an Engineer for your Presidency otherwise we shoud have endeavor'd to have sent you Mr. Call whenever he coud have been spared.

An Account of the Deficiency of the Ophium mentioned in your 5 Paragraph of the 4th. Febry. was settled with Captain Smith of the Clinton on which ship it was receiv'd here, who was to account for it with the Company in England, the Deficiency here appear'd to be 12 Maund 18 lbs. $\frac{1}{3}$sr. Valued at Pagodas 201–16–18. We shall in future have the Consignments we may receive for you lodged in seperate Godowns to prevent the Inconveniencies pointed out in your Letter and never open the Packages but in Cases of necessity.

An account of stores supplied and Cash advanced to Captain Foster at this Place for the use of the Honble Companys Ship Earl Temple was Transmitted to Europe by the Fox in November 1762.

We have ordered our Account Current with your Presidency to be made out in a more explicit manner than the last sent you as you have desired, and it shall be forwarded by the first opportunity.

The Debt contracted by Mr. Henry Russell at Malacca was not deducted out of the salary and Diet that Gentlemen receiv'd when at Madras.

The Annual Indent recd. with your Letter of the 4th. Febry. shall be duely complied with. As the Number of Chinese sent you from Manilha have fallen so short of your expectations, We hope the supplies of Grain already sent you this season has been sufficient.

The Bond entered into by Messrs. Wyatt and Hall for Pagodas 1550–24 was deliver'd up to Mr. Hall in March last in Consequence of the orders we had receiv'd from the Company.

Mr. Ardley has paid into Cash the sum of Pags. 125 being the Difference pointed out by your Honor &ca. on his having brought to acct. the Dollars advanced him here on his Departure to Fort Marlbro at the rate of 15 instead of 16 for 10 Pags. for which we shall credit your Presidency enclosed is a Copy of the Minute of Consultation on this occasion explaining the Manner by which this Mistake arose.

Our Consignments to China this season have been so much larger than we coud have expected that We hope there will be sufficient for compleating the stock of the Lord Clive with the several other ships they may have to provide for.

The Leopard Snow having arrived at Bandarmalanka in a Leaky condition We ordered the necessary Repairs to be given her there and then to proceed to Bengal.

The Greyhound Snow has been some time arrived at Bengal the Gentlemen have forwarded to us the Musters of Gold you mention to have sent by her which have been deliver'd to our Assay Master whose Report shall be communicated to you when deliver'd in.

Whenever application is made to us on account of Canvass supplied the Luconia at Batavia by his Majestys Ship Panther it shall be replaced out of our Stores. The Bill Mr. Burnett drew upon us for Rix Dollars 2500 advanced by him to Captain Watson on account of the Honble Company's Ship Revenge has been duely accepted & paid as well as all those which your Honor &ca. have drawn upon us. In future we beg leave to recommend that some time may be given for the payment of Bills as we observe all those you have lately drawn upon us were made payable at sight which we had it not in our power so immediately to comply with.

As the Letters to us by the Greyhound were opened by the Gentlemen at Bengal we have no doubt but what they will pay a proper attention to what you recommend concerning your Bank and the Money lent at Respondentia as we ourselves shall do on every occasion.

In consequence of your Letter to us of the 3d. May we have settled with the owners of the Luconia for the 46 Chinese transported from Manilha to your settlement at 800 Pagodas which has been paid and your Presidency debted for the same.

We take this opportunity of supplying you by the Maria Marcellina with ten Pipes of Madeira Wine of which 5 were of the Consignment for Bengal and five of our own. We have therefore Credited Bengal presidency for the half and Charged your Presidency for the whole at 100 Pagodas pr. Pipe which is the same we pay ourselves.

We also send in this ship one Male named Andrew and two female slaves Flora & Rosa in hopes they may be of some use in your Plantations.

Cloathing for 16 Havildars 20 Naigues & 214 Seapoys is sent in this ship amounting to Pagodas 339–4–0 according to the Invoice in the Packet.

Enclosed is also a List of Ships taken up sail'd and arrived to this time in the East Indies.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient humbe. Servts.

Fort St. George

1st. Septemr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBROUGH PR. SNOW MARIA MARCELLINA.

N[o]. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 1st. Septr. 1764.

2 Duplie. General Letter . . . Dated 10th. May 1764.

3 Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 14th. of June relating to the sum of 125 Pagodas paid into Cash by Mr. Ardley on account of a Mistake in the Fort Marlbrough Accounts.

4 List of ships taken up saild and arrived in the East Indies.

5 Invoice of Maria Marcellina.

6 Bills of Lading.

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. SEPTEMBER 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

No. 103.

TO THOMAS FITZHUGH, SAML. BLOUNT, GEORGE MANDEVILLE, NATHAL. GARLAND, WILLM. MACKENZIE, ALEXANDR. HUME, STEPN. DEVISME, THOMS. SMITH, MANN HORNER, WILLM. ROUS & WILLM. HARRISON ESQRS. OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

We acquainted you in our last of the 4th. of August of the arrival of the Duke of Glocester the 1st. Last Month. The Devonshire came in the 4th. the Lincoln and Vansittart the 7th. & the Duke of Albany the 23d.

The Duke of Glocester and Lincoln having landed their consignments for this Presidency, and taken on board the remainder of the Treasure & Merchandize we had provided for Canton now proceed to you with the same amounting by their respective Invoices enclosed to Pagodas 28887–17–27.

Having a Larger quantity of Redwood of the China Sort on hand than you Indented for and as the Earl of Lincoln woud otherwise have been empty, We chose to send it on her rather than lett it remain here till next season, and as it may be some addition to your stock, although it shoud not sell to much advantage.

We have permitted Messrs. Russell & Ross to lade on the Lincoln 74 Bales of Cotton the value of which being Pagodas 1790 they have taken up at Respondentia at the exchange of 312 Rupees pr. 100 Pagodas payable to you in Tales at the Rate of 307 A.Rs. pr. 100 Tales with 12 pr. Cent Freight & premium at the expiration of thirty Days after the ships arrival at Canton. A manifest of the Cotton with the Respondentia Bond of those Gentlemen is enclosed.

In the Packet comes an abstract of the consignments sent to you from hence this season amounting in the whole to Pagodas 334438—33—62. We are extreemly Glad that we have been able to furnish this supply for your Investment, which has much exceeded our expectations at the time we receiv'd your advices of the 8th. Novemr.

The Packets from England by the Duke of Glocester & Lincoln with the usual Papers are now forwarded by those ships respectfully [*sic*].

Mrs. Clegg having desired permission of Passage to England proceeds by the way of China in the Duke of Glocester.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. SEPTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LICENCED BY THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE TO BE SHIP'D ON THE EARL OF LINCOLN FOR CANTON.

By whom consigned.	To whom consigned,
Messrs. Claud Russell & Andrew Ross	To Messrs. George Smith & Thomas Arnot.

74 Bales of Cotton Value Pags. 1790.

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. SEPTR. 1764.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON PR. SHIP DUKE OF GLOCESTER.

1 General Letter . . . Dated 1 Septr. 1764.
2 Duple. Do. . . . . Dated 4 Augt. 1764.
3 Invoice of Ship Duke of Glocester.
4 Bill of Lading of Do.
5 Abstract of the Invoices of ships Pitt, Northumberland, Worcester & Lord Holland & Earl of Lincoln to Canton.
6 Second Bills of Lading of Ships Earl of Lincoln & Lord Holland.
7 Copy Ship Duke of Glocesters Charterparty.
8 Copy of her Victualling Bill.
9 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize Licenced to be ship'd on the Duke of Glocester for Coast & China.
10 List of Goods Landed at Fort St. George by the Captain & Officers of ship Duke of Glocester.
11 Account of Copper & Lead Deficient & Broad Cloth Damaged pr. ship Duke of Glocester to Fort St. George.
12 Account Deficiency of Milatary stores of Ship Duke of Glocester to Fort St. George.
The two last Papers to be forwarded to England on that ship.
13 General Letter to Mr. Dalrymple at Sooloo.
14 Triple. Copy of Do. under Date the 4th. August 1764.
15 Packet Directed to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton recd. pr. Ship Duke of Glocester.
16 Copy Captn. Burdett sailing orders Dated 1st. Septr. 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. SEPTR. 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON P^{R}. SHIP EARL OF LINCOLN.

1 General Letter . . . Dated 1st. Septr. 1764.

2 Triple^{e}. D^{o}. . . Dated 4th. Augt. 1764.

3 Invoice of Ship Earl of Lincoln.

4 Bill of Lading of D^{o}.

5 Abstract of the Invoices of ships Pitt, Northumberland, Worcester, Lord Holland & Duke of Glocester to Canton.

6 Second Bill of Lading of Duke of Glocester.

7 Copy Ship Lincolns Charterparty.

8 Copy of her Victualling Bill.

9 Manifest of Goods and merchandize Licenced to be ship'd on the Earl of Lincoln for Coast & China.

10 List of Goods Landed at Fort S^{t}. George by the Captn. & officers of ship Earl of Lincoln.

11 Account Deficiency of Lead & Copper & Damaged Broard [*sic*] Cloth & Perpetuanoes p^{r}. Ship Earl of Lincoln to Fort S^{t}. George.

12 Account Deficiency of Milatary stores p^{r}. Ship Earl of Lincoln to Fort S^{t}. George.

13 Account Deficiency of Iron p^{r}. Ship Earl of Lincoln.

The Three last Numbers to be forwarded to England p^{r}. Ship Earl of Lincoln.

14 Manifest of Cotton Licenced to be ship'd on the Earl of Lincoln for Canton.

15 Messrs. And^{w}. Ross & Claud Russell their Respondentia Bonds for Pag^{s}. 1790 payable to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton.

16 Packet Directed to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton reced. f^{m}. Eng^{d}. ℔ Lincoln.

17 Copy Captn. Hardwicks sailing orders Dated 1st. Sepr. 1764.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
1ST. SEP^{R}. 1764.

W^{M}. ALDERSEY
Secry.

N°. 104.

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT BURDETT
OF SHIP DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton. If you should judge it impracticable to gain your Passage by going the usual Track you are then to proceed through the streights by the Eastern Passage. As your reaching China will be of the utmost consequence to the Company you must use every measure possibly to get there. Upon your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the SupraCargoes of Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings.

We wish you a safe and speedy passage and Date this in Fort St. George this 1st. Day of Septr. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

N.B. A dispatch of the same Tenor & Date deliver'd to Captn. Peter Hardwiche of ship Earl of Lincoln.

No. 105.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In our Letter by the Vansittart Dated the 30th. Augt. We advised of our having forwarded by her a part of the Consignments of the Duke of Albany for your Presidency, and we now take the opportunity of sending one Hundred more of her Bales by the Ship Luconia, for which Freight is to be paid at Bengal at the rate of 5 A. Rupees pr. Bale. As the Transporting most of the Consignments from this ship without Landing them here makes it difficult for us to bring them on our Books, We desire your Honor &ca. will credit acct. Current London for the whole amount of the Invoice and in Case any are detaind for want of a Conveyance We will give you credit for the same for which purpose We have taken a Copy of the Europe Invoice, the original of which is now forwarded and the only paper remaining with us is the Bill of Lading.

A part of the private consignments that came out by the Duke of Albany for your Presidency were forwarded by the Vansittart and some others have been put on board the Luconia according to a List enclosed.

Although we mention'd in our Letter by the Vansittart to have sent by her three Chests of Coral that came out for Bengal in the Duke of Albany we find that only one coud be put on board her, the other two not being at hand and having no prospect of sending them to you this season on a Europe ship they will be detain'd here untill advices are receivd concerning them from the Persons at your Presidency to whom they are consigned.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedint. humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. SEPTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEO: STRATTON.

No. 106.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We had thoughts of sending the Duke of Albany for your Bales but upon enquiring we find their fitting and preparing her for an Early dispatch will not afford time therefore if no other Conveyance should offer we recommend that you hire a Large Boat to transport the Bales hither, & send her to us well cover'd with Cadjans & when the weather appears fair so that the Boat may probably arrive the next Day.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
8th. Septr. 1764.

No. 107.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you the 3d. Instant by the Luconia of which a Duplicate comes enclosed, The Ship Ganges proceeding to your Presidency gives us an opportunity of forwarding to you a Hundred & Twenty four Bales in further Part of the Duke of Albanys Consignments according to the Bill of Lading enclosed, and for which the Freight is to be settled and paid by your Honor &ca. The Remainder being damaged are landed & when examined shall also be forwarded.

As we imagine the Copper Lead & Iron may sell to advantage here, We shall dispose of those articles, If we have no opportunity of forwarding them before the Monsoon.

Our Honble Masters ships the Duke of Glocester and Earl of Lincoln proceeded on their Voyage the 2d. Instant, our Consignments to Canton amount in the Whole to Pagodas 334438–33–62.

We shall be much in want of Grain for Decr. & Janry. if a Large Quantity is not Imported here from your Presidency before the Monsoon, We therefore recommend to your Honor &ca. to employ any of the Compys. Ships that may be spared on this service so as to arrive here before the end of Decr.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedit. humble Servts.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

Fort St. George
10th. Septr. 1764.

No. 108.

To JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 28th. August.

Enclosed is Copy of the Directions receiv'd from the Company this Season relating to the taking in of the turn'd out Cloths at an adequate abatement for any Defect in quality. They have been induced to recommend this Practice from observing that the Goods under that Demonation [*sic*] sent home by the Fox sold at their sales for nearly as much as the Cloths of the proper Quality, indeed they were but little inferior to them, and as it cannot be their intention to subject the Investment to a Debasement by encouraging the receiving of the Turned out Cloths which you apprehend will be the necessary consequence at Bandarmalanka, We shoud be glad if you would point out to us any Method that may serve to fulfill the Companys Intentions without producing that Effect. In future you will note particularly at the Foot of your Letters what quantity of turnd out Cloth you have on hand.

We woud not have the valuation of the Turned out Cloth fixed by the Determination of one person only but whenever you go to Bandarmalanka it may be done under your Inspection.

The Chay Goods are by no means comprehended in the order regarding the turn'd out Cloth. We are much concern'd to be inform'd they are so exceptionable this Year and much recommend to your particular attention to oblige and encourage the Merchants to keep up to the Muster both in quality & Colouring.

Your Indent for stationary has already been complied with and we only wait an opportunity to forward the Woollens.

You will be pleased to provide & send up as soon as possible the following Cloths wanted for the Presidency of Fort Marlborough.

		Piecs.
Long Cloth Superfine ..	of Pagos. 16 pr. piece ..	10
	of Pags. 10 pr. Do. ..	20
	of Pags. 6 pr. Do. ..	20

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. SEPTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 109.

To JOHN LEWIN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT CUDDALORE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 10th. & 13th. Instant.

In answer to your representation of the Backwardness of your Merchants in bringing in their Cloths for the Investment We can only say that We rely on your using every means in your power to make them comply with the Terms of their Contract and if you find after all that their endeavors are not fully exerted you will acquaint us, as it may be necessary in that case

to make an Example as a Warning to the rest, the Compy. particularly order the Investment of Blue Cloth to be attended to, as you will observe by the Enclosed Paragh. of their Letter, & to wch. we also add their other remarks & observations concerning your Investment, to which we desire you [would] give due attention.

The repairs absolutely necessary to the Compys. Buildings before the Monsoon may be made but they must be done with utmost æconomy.

You have our permission to provide Tables Desks and other necessarys you are in want of for carrying on the Compys. Business and we shall supply you with such articles of your Indent as can be spared.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
18th. Septr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Geo: Stratton.

No. 110.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort Marlborough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you by the Snow Maria Marcellina the 1st. Inst. of which a Duplicate is now forwarded.

In consequence of the 7th. Paragraph of your Letter dated the 4th. February we now transmitt our Account Current with your Presidency from 1st. May 1762 to 31st. December 1763 made out in a more full & explicit manner than that you were furnish'd with last year. We judge this of more Consequence than the one you have desired from 1757 to 1760, which shall in like manner be prepared & forwarded.

The Musters of Gold transmitted to us by the Greyhound with your Letter of the 3d. May having been assay'd in our Mint agreably to your desire We enclose Copy of our Assay Masters Report thereof for your information.

The Several articles of your Indent shall be duely complied with as opportunities may offer.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
18 Septr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlborough Pr. Snow Elizabeth.

1 General Letter . . . Dated 18th. Septr. 1764.

2 Duplice. Do. . . . Dated 1st. Do.

3 Fort St. George Acct. Current wth Fort Mar[l]borough from 1st. May 1762 to 31st. Decr. 1763.

4 Copy Assay Masters Report of West Coast Gold transmitted with their Letter from thence of 3d. May 1764.

5 Duple. Extract from Fort St. George Consultations concerning an Error in Mr. Ardleys Accounts Dated 14th. June 1764.

6 Duplie. List of ships taken up sailed for & arrived in the East Inds. in 1764.

Fort St. George
18th. Septr. 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

No. 111.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

1. Since writing to you the 10th. Instant by the Ganges of which a Duplicate is enclosed, We have taken up the Betsy Ketch at Freight for Rups. 1900 to carry down a further Part of the Albanys Consignments and she accordingly now proceeds to you with the several articles specified in the List and Bill of Lading enclosed the Freight to be paid at Calcutta.

2 We have also engag'd the Ann Snow for the same purpose which will follow in a few Days.

3 As we have had but a very small Quantity of Copper consigned to us this season We have detain'd that intended for your Presidency by the Duke of Albany having reason to expect it will sell to advantage.

4 We have receiv'd your Letter of the 6th. Augt. with the Triplicate enclosed for the Supra Cargoes at Canton which shall be forwarded by the first conveyance which most probably will be the Princess Augusta Captn. Baddison order'd from the West Coast to Batavia to assist in bringing away the Troops & may be expected here the latter end of Decr. We have already inform'd you of the arrival and Departure of the Coast and China Ships this season.

5 The supply of Treasure you intended for China will no doubt be very acceptable and as the Company enjoin us to lose no opportunity of contributing towards the assistance of that Trade, We have for this purpose receiv'd Dollars for the following sums into our Treasury and granted Bills on your Honor &ca. as hereundermention'd which we hope it wont be inconvenient for you to discharge.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom value recd.	Airs.			Cirs.		
1	Modeen Dult Banyum..	Messrs. Thoms. Kelsall & Thoms. Powney.	4269	13	4	4611	6	8
1	James Lawrell & Hen. Goodwin.	Mess. Thoms. Kelsall & Thos. Powney.	8533	—	—	9215	10	2
1	Modeen Dult Banyum.	Mr. Thos. Powney ..	2625	10	10	2835	11	8
3	Setts amounting to		15428	8	2	16662	12	6

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
21st. Septr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

P.S.—A Report having been made to us that Thirty one Bales of the Albanys Broad Cloth appeared to be damag'd we landed them, and had them examin'd. Inclosed is an account of the Damage which is referr'd home to be settled with the owners of that ship agreable to our Honble Masters Directions and the Bales are now forwarded to you.

List of the Packet to Fort William Pr. Ketch Betsy.

1 General Letter . . . Dated 21st. Septr. 1764.
2 Duplice. Do. . . . Dated 10th Do.
3 List of the Duke of Albanys Consignments for Bengal forwarded thither in the Ketch Betsy.
4 Bills of Lading of Do.
5 Acct. of Damaged Broad Cloth pr. Ship Duke of Albany for Bengal.
6 Copy Captn. Mauls sailing orders.

Fort St. George
22d. Septr. 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

No. 112.

To Captn. John Maul
of the Betsy Ketch.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal where on your arrival you are to deliver the

accompanying Packet to the President & Council there with the Consignments you have receiv'd at Freight for that Presidency which Freight is to be paid to you there.

DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE THE 21ST. SEPTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 113.

TO JOHN LEWIN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT CUDDALORE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 21st. Instt.

The Bales you sent up lately by a Country Boat having been examined, enclosed are the Remarks made on the different Sortments of Cloths to which you are particularly to attend and be carefull to remedy the Defects complain'd of. The Remainder of your Investment on hand must be sent up as soon as possible.

We took the opportunity of forwarding several articles of your Indent by a Chelinja that sail'd for Cuddalore the 22d. Instant of which the Invoice and second Bill of Lading are now enclosed.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectione. Friends
ROBT. PALK &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
* 25TH. DECR. 1764.

No. 114.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We acquainted you in our Letter of the 21st. Inst. by the Betsy Ketch of which Duplicate accompanies this, of our having taken up the Ann Snow at Freight to convey to you a further part of the Duke of Albanys consignments and some Redwood she is now dispatch'd to you accordingly and the Freight We have agreed for, being two thousand one Hundred and seventy two Rupees (2172) is to be paid at Calcutta List of the several articles now forwarded with the Bills of Lading are enclosed.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. SEPTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

* In the Diary and Consultation Book, 1764, this letter is said to be dated 25th September 1764.

List of the Packet to Fort William Pr. Snow Ann.

N[o]. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 28th. Septr. 1764.

2 Duplicate Do. . . . . Dated 10th. Do.

3 List of the Duke of Albanys Consignments forwarded to Bengal pr. Ships Vansittart, Luconia, Ganges, Ketch Betsy & Snow Ann.

4 Account of Stores Deficient pr. Duke of Albany for Bengal.

5 Acct. Copper, Grain, Tin, & Lead Deficient and Broad Cloth Damaged pr. Duke of Albany for Bengal.

6 Invoice of Redwood pr. Snow Ann.

7 Bills of Lading of Snow Ann.

8 List of the Duke of Albanys private consignments for Bengal forwarded thither pr. Snow Ann.

9 Copy Captn. Proctors sailing orders Dated this Day.

Fort St. George
28th. Septr. 1764.

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

No. 115.

To Captain David Procter
of the Ann Snow.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there with the Consignments you have receiv'd at Freight for that Presidency which Freight is to be paid you at Calcutta.

Dated at Fort St. George 28th. Sepr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 116.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was under Date the 1st. Inst. whereof a Duplicate accompanies this and we have not since receiv'd any advices from your Honor &ca. to reply to.

The Duke of Glocester and Earl of Lincoln, whose arrival we mention'd in our Letter of the 13th. Ultimo proceeded on their Voyage to Canton the 2d. Inst., our Consignments to China this Year amount to Pags. 334438-33-62 which we hope will be sufficient to compleat all the ships Tonnage.

Our Mint Indents not having been complied with this season we are in great want of parting Glasses and request your Honor &ca. will supply us with as many as you can spare by the First opportunity.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
29th. Septr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 117.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter Dated the 14th. of Last month accompanied with a statement of the outstanding Debts at Mazulipatam and describing the Condition of the Salt Farm on which We shall shortly send you our Particular Directions, in the mean time you may advertise as usual for reletting for one Year the Farms of the Pettah Juncan and Hydrabad Customs, and Narsipore Town which are about to expire and send us the proposals you may receive in Consequence by the 1st. of next month for our Determination.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
3d. October 1764.

Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

No. 118.

To the Honble Christian Van Teylingen Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Negapatam.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In the Letter we address'd to you the 27th. of Augt. you were acquainted of our having wrote to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam on the subject of the Complaint made by the agents of your Factory at Bimlepatam of the Detention of some merchants who were said to be indebted to your Company there. We have since receiv'd their Answer a copy of which is enclosed, and need only add here that as those Merchants have engaged themselves in our service it

is necessary they shoud first settle accounts with us & Clear of their Ballances after which they shall be deliverd up to your Gentlemen at Bimlepatam if you are desirous of it.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Serv^ts.

Fort St. George
9th. October 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 119.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 17th. & 25th. September, the last by the Essex accompanied with a Hundred and Fifty Bales of your Investment on which we shall send you our Remarks after they have been examined.

Your having been prevented from sending a Larger Consignment on account of the Rains is a great disappointment to us, you must be carefull always to have your Cloth washd as soon as it is brought in that we may not have any reason to Complain of your being remiss in your attention to this Branch which we have so often reminded you of.

With respect to your answer to the Complaint of the Dutch concerning their Merchants of Bimlepatam it wou'd have been proper to have sent up their affidavids, but as that did not occur to you We shall transmit a Copy of your Letter to Negapatam & acquaint the Gentlemen there that as soon as the Merchants have settled & Cleared their accounts with you they shall be deliver'd up if it is desired, We desire to know if those Merchants have been heretofore employed at Vizagm. & How long.

You are certainly right to supply Mr. Dolbens Vessell in Distress with a Cable which is the Intent of your being provided with stores of that kind.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
9th. Octor. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 120.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your Letters dated the 3d. & 27th. of September, the last by the Grampus with your Letter for the Court of Directors which shall be forwarded by the Duke of Albany as you desire.

We have now hopes that we shall not be so much distressd for Grain towards the End of the Year as we apprehended at the time we requested a supply from your Presidency.

If the Admiral Pocock shoud arrive with us we shall send her to Europe in February but we flatter ourselves she is gone to Canton & that she will be dispatch'd home from thence in the Room of the Princess Augusta and as we have no ship remaining here to send to the Bay for your Consignments of Salt Petre and Packing stuff as you recommend, We must therefore depend on your dispatching one of the Companys ships to us with them as soon as the season will permitt and she may proceed to Europe with our Investment or be ordered to China if we shoud be otherwise provided.

A particular account of the Process observed here in refining the salt petre shall be laid before us which we will transmit to you accompanied with a Bag of the Salt Petre as desired.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
15TH. OCTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

P.S. The Admiral Watson being expected here in December with a part of the Troops left by the Falmouth and Siam at Batavia agreable to the Desire of the Gentlemen of Fort Marlbrough, We purpose returning her to them as soon as possible of which we acquaint your Honor &ca. in case you shoud have any Consignments to forward by her for that Presidency.

The Chief and Council at Tellichery acquaint us they learn by private advices that the York and Calcutta from Europe arrived at Bombay the 3d. of Last Month.

No. 121.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We were favor'd with your Letter of the 1st. September and have since received one from the Chief &ca. Council at Tellicherry with the agreable news of the arrival of our Honble Masters ships York and Calcutta at your Presidency.

The Bills of Exchange you have drawn upon us for Pagodas 16,000 shall be duely honor'd and we have no reason to imagine that your Draft upon Bengal will subject the Gentlemen there to any particular Inconvenience as from a Letter We have receiv'd from them of the 3d. Septr. They give us Room to conclude their Treasury will be able to answer your Demands. A Packet lately receiv'd from that Presidency is forwarded to your Honor &ca. by this Pattamar, which is dispatch'd by the way of Tellicherry & the Grampus & Revenge will sail in a few Days with advices of a Later Date.

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry advice us that the Timber and Plank we desired to be provided is in Great forwardness and we hope your Honor &ca. will be able to furnish a Conveyance for it in time to arrive with us by the beginning of January.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedit. humble Servts.

Fort St. George
15th. October 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 122.

To Thomas Byfield Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have recev'd your Letter dated 29th. Septr. and are obliged to you for the advice therein contained of the arrival of our Honble Masters ship York & Calcutta at Bombay.

Enclosed is a Packet for the President & Council there which we desire you will Pleased [*sic*] to forward by the speediest conveyance.

We are Glad to observe the Timber & Plank we desired to be provided for us is in so much forwardness and hope you will be furnishd with a Conveyance for it from Bombay in time to arrive with us the beginning of January.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
15th. Octr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

N°. 123.

TO THE HON~BLE~ CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^R^.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS

We adviced you in a Seperate Letter Dated the 24th. Septr. with the arrival of the Hon~ble~ Companys ship Revenge from Manilha the 23d. of that Month. The Stores she had on board for this Place being all Landed We now Dispatch her to your Honor &ca. and enclosed is an account of the several advances made to Captain Watson since his arrival here from your Presidency in July 1763 on acct. of his ship.

Captain Carruthers of the Grampus Sloop having landed here a Packet from Bengal to be forwarded to England from hence by the Duke of Albany now proceeds to you to be repair'd in Consequence of the sailing orders he receiv'd from the President & Council there a copy of which as well as those now deliverd to him are enclosed.

We are

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE

18TH. OCTR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY PR. SHIP REVENGE.

N[o]. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 18th. Octr. 1764.
2 Duplicate Do. . . . Dated 15th. Do.
3 Account of advances made to Captn. Watson since August 1763.
4 Captn. Watsons Receipt for Pags. 1500 advanced him on account ship Revenge.
5 Copy Captn. Watsons sailing orders dated 19th. Octr. 1764.

FORT ST. GEORGE
19TH. OCTR. 1764.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

N°. 124.

TO COMMODORE JOHN WATSON

OF THE HON~BLE~ COMPANYS SHIP REVENGE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and to make the best of your way to Bombay where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there whose orders you are to follow for your future proceedings.

Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE this 19th. Day of Octr. 1764.

ROBT. PALK &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 125.

To Captain Robert Carruthers
of the Hon̄ble Companys Sloop Grampus.

Sir

The Packet you had in charge from the President & Council of Fort William for the Court of Directors having been receiv'd here in time to be forwarded by the Duke of Albany now under Dispatch for England you are permitted to repair on board and to make the best of your way to Bombay in pursuance of the orders you have receiv'd from the President & Council of Fort William.

On your arrival at Bombay you are to deliver to the President & Council there the Packet herewith committed to your Charge.

Dated in Fort St. George 19th. Octr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 126.

To the Hon̄ble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you last the 15th. Instt. of which a Duplicate is enclosed.

The Duke of Albany receiv'd her Dispatches for England the 25th. Instt. by her we forwarded your Packet for the Court of Directors receiv'd by the Grampus sloop and desired the Gentlemen at St. Helena in Case any other of our Hon̄ble Masters Ships shoud leave that Island before the Duke of Albany to send it on by such opportunity that it may reach them as soon as possible.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
29th. Octr. 1764.

Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

P.S. Enclosed is an account of stores supplied the Grampus at this Place. She sail'd for Bombay with the Revenge the 28th. Instt.

No. 127.

To the Hon̄ble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
Prest. & Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you in Duplicate the 19th. Inst. by the Revenge and Grampus Sloop of which a Triplicate is now enclosed.

Besides the advances made to Captn. Watson on Acct. of the Revenge as mention'd in our last of the 19th. Instt. he acquainted us that he receiv'd six Thousand Rupees at Manilha, also a Quantity of Rice and some sago from Mr. Dalrymple at Sooloo according to an Acctt. he deliver'd to us a Copy of which comes enclosed but not having been furnished with these Particulars from thence We cannot yet inform you of the exact expence incurr'd on Acct. of the Revenge since her having been employed on this service to enable us to make out a Compleat acct. of the whole Expence of the Expedition to Manilha. We desire your Honor &ca. will Debt this Presidency for the whole charges incurr'd at your Presidency on that account & send the particulars to us.

Captain Watson having landed here a Mizen Mast 60 Feet Long and 15 Inches in Diameter and an anchor
⅌ Qrs. lb.
13—3—4 We shall dispose of them & Credit the Expedition to Manilha.

Our Hon̄ble Masters Ship the Duke of Albany was Dispatch'd to Great Britain the 25th. Instant with a full Loading.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
29th. October 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 128.

To the Hon̄ble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Having already wrote to you under yesterdays Date this serves only to enclose Mr. Charles Bourchiers first of Exchange for nine thousand eight Hundred and eighty seven Bombay rupees, two quarters and forty five Reas (9887–2–45) on Captain George Thompson or in his absence to Messrs. Rawson Hart Boddam and Andrew Ramsay payable to your Honor &ca. for value advanced out of the Hon̄ble Companys Cash here in Pagodas at 325 A. Rs. pr. 100 Pags. and for which we shall debit your Presidency. If any other Bills offer we shall receive them, the Price of Rupees will we imagine fall more considerable.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
31st. October 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 129.

To JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

We have had under Consideration your Letter Dated the 14th. September, on the subject of the Outstanding Debts at Mazulipatam and are much concern'd to observe so considerable a Ballance due from Meer Bauker as Rups. 193094 on Account of the Nizampatam Farm & of which only Rupees 43315–6–2 is thought to be recoverable.

A considerable part of this as well as the other Ballances were advised of and deemed irrecoverable in Mr. Fairfield time except that of Mowa Comrauze which he was thought to be in Circumstances to pay though unwilling, If therefore upon enquiry this shoud appear to be the Case at present you must endeavor to recover it, and be attentive to do the same with respect to the other Ballances as opportunities may offer and to this end they must constantly be carried forwards on your Books although it is manifest the Salt Farms have not of late years produced the Rent they were lett for.

Notwithstanding any private agreement that might have been made between Meer Seid Hussein and Timmagee regarding the Management of the Mazulipatam and Ponracca Salt, we regard them by the Tenor of their Cowle to be equally responsible for the Ballance incurred when they had the joint management of that Farm. We think it reasonable to allow them for the Losses sustain'd by the Gale of wind in December 1762 amounting by the Estimate receiv'd with your Letter of the 22d. of that month to Rups. 15181–4 which being deducted from their Ballance you will require payment of what may then remain due from both or either of them as they may be in Circumstances to pay it.

You may advertise for reletting this Farm from the Expiration of the present Cowle, for the Term of one, two, three or Five Years as you judge may be the most benifecial to the Farm, and send us the proposals you may receive in Consequence, When we find it necessary for any Troops to move your way We shall hope to put a stop effectually to the unreasonable exactions of the Zemedars for Duties on the Salt passing through their Territories in the mean time We can only recommend to you to use every prudent method in your power towards remedying this Inconvenience, which cannot but tend so much to the prejudice of the Farm.

You will constantly advise us what Ballances may be remaining on the Farms at Mazulipatam when the Cowles expire as they shoud be immediately ascertain'd and measures taken for recovering the same if the Renter shou'd be in circumstances, and the produce be found to answer the Rent they were lett for.

We have also receiv'd your Letter of the 28th. of September with your sentiments on the practice recommended by the Company for taking in turnd out Cloths in General at an abatement, concerning which we shall shortly send you our further Directions when we take under Consideration the provision for the ensuing Years Investment at this Place and the several subordinates.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
1ST. NOVR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 130.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen
The President having acquainted us that Audy Moolum an Inhabitant of Cuddalore has been represented as a proper Manager for the villages of Madaput & Chinnamnapollam, You are accordingly to appoint him amuldar with a monthly allowance of six or seven pagodas out of wch. he is to pay a Connicopoly who is likewise to be appointed by you and he may be assisted with 4 Peons at the Company's Expence.

You will settle with Moodu Kistna for the time elapsed of the present year & receive the produce into your Cash, in the month of Janry. you will order a Jamadundy [*sic*] or statement of the Revenues, according to the Country Custom to be made out by the Amuldar to enable us to judge of the Produce & of his Management.

That a proper Example may be made of the Persons apprehended & represented to the President as Guilty of Coining & paying away bad Pagodas We desire you will take the opportunity of a returning Escort of seapoys to send them hither, the false Coin found upon them with the Implements of Coinage shd. be made us seal'd and attested by the proper Witnesses.

Mr. Call will soon be at Cuddalore and will consult with you a Plan for Building a Factory House convenient for lodging the Servts. there, with the necessary offices for Carrying on the Company's Business of this you must write us very particularly in the interim representing what Apartments Godowns &ca. will be necessary that Mr. Call may accordingly frame and Transmit to us an Estimate of the Expence.

Enclosed are the Remarks which have been made on the Cloths lately receiv'd from your settlement which you are carefully to attend to and take every Measure that may occur to you for the Improvement of your Investment which will otherwise we fear disappoint the Company in the advantages expected in this Branch of their Trade at your Settlement.

Towards the Close of the years Investment we shall expect to have your opinion of the Conduct of the merchants to guide us in our Directions for your receiving the Contract for the next year and that no time be lost in carrying on the Investment.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
7th. Novemr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 131.

To Mr. John Call.

Sir
It being our Intention to build a Factory House at Cuddalore with all expedition & Economy you will on your arrival there consider with Mr. Smith and his Council a Plan that may appear most suitable for that purpose, of which you are to advise us transmitting at the same time an Estimate of the

Expence that we may give the necessary Directions on this subject, We think that the Groun[d] Floor shoud be arched.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
8th. Novemr. 1764.

No. 132.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter Dated the 17th. Last Month, enclosing the accounts of your Settlement for September whereby we observe that you have charged only Invoice Price for the Stores disposed of in the Course of that month. The Cable Mr. Dolben was supplied with is worth at least 80 pr. Ct. advanced according to the present Demand of Naval Stores. The Companys Stores at this Place for some time past have not been sold for less than 50 pr. Ct. some at 100 and you must be careful in future always to Charge an advance on the several articles as they may be in demand 30 pr. Ct. is the least you shoud ever Charge.

As we have not at present an opportunity of conveying to you a supply of Cash from hence We have directed Mr. Pybus to send you from Mazulipatam what he may be able to spare from his own occasions.

You will receive herewith the Remarks that have been made on the Cloths lately sent up of your Investment. It is with pleasure we find there is an Improvement in the quality and We hope we shall hereafter have equal reason to be satisfied with the Quantity provided at your Settlement, a matter that merits your most serious attention, as well as the curing of the Cloth of which there is much reason to complain. Formerly Vizagapatam never furnished less than six Hundred Bales yearly, and unless that Quantity can be hence forward provided, the advantages of the Settlement will hardly be equivalent to the Expence of Maintaining it.

Toward the Close of the years Investment We shall expect to have your opinion of the Conduct of the merchants to guide us in our Directions for your renewing the Contract for the next year and that no time be lost in carrying on the Investment.

Mr. Charles Smith when he was at Madras having represented that your Bales for want of Screws to press them were of a Larger Size than those made up at this Place, and therefore required a greater Quantity of Packing stuff. You have our Permission to continue the same Packing Charges as have been hitherto allowed at your settlement, at the same time we expect that the Gunneys are of the best sort, those made use of for the Bales lately receiv'd were so thin and bad, that they required great Repair before they coud be shipp'd off for Europe.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
8th. November 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 133.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam being at present in want of Cash for paying the Military arrived there in the Illocos and the occasions of their Investment, you are on receipt hereof to send them as much as can possible be spared from your own occasions, not having at present an opportunity of conveying them a supply from hence except by land which wou'd be attended with much Inconveniencies.

The Chay Goods arrived with us too late to be examined before the Departure of the Duke of Albany. Our Remarks on the Cloths lately receiv'd from Bandarmalanka come enclosed. We shall expect towards the Close of the present year, to have your opinion of the Conduct of the Merchants to guide us in our Directions for your renewing the Contract for the next year and that no time be lost in carrying on the Investment.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
8th. November 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 134.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter dated the 14th. Instant with your Acct. for last month.

Before Mr. Calls arrival with you We woud have your Opinion of the Apartments and conveniencies that may be necessary in the Construction of the new factory House in consulting with the Engineer on this occasion, and the necessity of additional Repairs to the Fortifications at Cuddalore, you must consider the advantages to be expected from your Investment, for unless it can be extended and Improved which from the conduct of your Merchāts for two years past there seems little room to hope for, it will not be worth while to put the Company to the Expence of repairing them and we apprehend your Investment will still labor under greater Disadvantages when the French return.

As you think little Dependance can be placed in your present sett of Merchants if any other shou'd be willing to undertake the Investment at your Settlement the ensuing year on reasonable Terms you will acquaint us with their Characters and Circumstances that if favourable, they may have the preference and It will be necessary to think of Drawing in the Merchants

Ballances especially of those you woud recommend to be discontinued as the Contract will expire in little more than two months.

Your Indent for Hospital Cloathing shall be complied with.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
21ST. NOVEMBR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 135.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favor'd with your Letters of the 8th. Septr. and 3d. Last month, and congratulate you on the arrival of the several ships thereinmention'd from Europe.

It is with pleasure we observe your Honor &ca. have a prospect of so large a Tonnage for the Ships of this season, but the non arrival of the Lord Mansfield gives us much Concern especially as it will not be in our power we fear to assist you under this disappointment finding by our advices from Bengal that all our ships on this side can be provided for, but we will immediately forward thither a Copy of your Letter.

And as we apprehend it will be out of our power to send a ship for the Timber & Plank from Callicut, and the Asia may be too late to call there in her way to Bengal We desire the Gentlemen at Tellicherry may have orders to Freight the Timber round as opportunitys may offer.

Enclosed is Mr. Bourchiers second of Exchange on Captain George Thompson for Bombay Rupees 9887–2–45, the First of which accompanied our Letter of the 31st. of Last month.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
22D. NOVEMBER [1764.]

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 136.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you by the Greenwich under Date the 29th. of Last month, Duplicate of which went by the Tappies, we have received advices from the President &ca. Council of Bombay in answer to the Letter we wrote to them concerning the shipping of Last Season, whereby we are told they are in hopes of being able to provide for six ships to Europe, and two to China but that they shall be in want of one or two ships for those services, as the Lord Mansfield was not arrived with them and the Talbot in too bad a Condition to proceed to Europe without Repair, a Copy of their Letter to us comes enclosed that in case their advices do not reach you your Honor &ca. being acquainted with the Circumstances of the Tonnage at both Presidencies may be enabled to come to a final Determination concerning the Disposition of those at your Presidency.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
1st. Decemr. 1764

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 137.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last dated the 1st. Instt. We have since granted a sett of Bills of Exchange on your Honour &ca. for Current Rupees five Thousand four Hundd. (5400) payable to Page Kebel Esqr. value Recd. here of Mr. John Debonain.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Fort St. George
9th. December 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 138.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 29th. Last Month, you will acquaint Mr. Call on his arrival with you, of every thing you think necessary in the construction of a Factory House and acquaint us with his sentiments that we may send you our final Instructions relating thereto.

We have ordered a supply of ten Thousand Pags. to be forwarded to you but as the Merchants are always a Quarter Part in advance you must only pay them for the Cloth as it comes in and take Measures for adjusting their outstanding Ballances as the Expiration of their present contract is near at hand.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your affectional Friends
Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
7th. December 1764.

No. 139.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have recd. your Letter dated the 23d. of last Month with the accounts of your Settlement for October and the proposals of the Muglatore Rajah for the Rent of Narsapore which having been opened with the several others recd. before with your Letter of the 30th. October We find the highest offers for the three Farms as follows.

Those of Abdul Hussein for the Pettah Juncan for three Years at Rupees 20,000 pr. Annum.

Those of Meer Seid Hussein for the Mazulipatam & Ponracca for three Years at Rupees 60,000, the First, 65,000 the second & 70,000 the 3d. Year and Those of Rajah Harry for the Narsipore Town at Rupees 2,100 for one year.

We are sorry to observe the offers for the Pettah Juncan are so very short for the Term of three years of what was last year given only for one You will enquire into the Reasons for such a Decrease in the Juncan & if it appears to you that the value is so much lesstened put Abdull Hussein in possession. We believe the Salt a very precarious and Dangerous Farm and therefore consent to accept Meer Seid Husseins offer. The Offer for Narsipore Town being equal to last year may also be accepted.

As Abdul Hussein is a new man you will be attentive to his Management and see that the Kists are duely paid.

You will observe by the Remarks sent with our Letter of the 1st. November on the Cloths from Bandarmalanka that the Inferior Numbers only of the ordinary and Midling were equal to Muster. Those of No. 1 were defective and must be improved in future.

You have our permission to repair the Hospital according to the Estimate transmitted to us of the Expence but we must consult with the Engineer before giving any orders relating to the Works which Will hardly answer the Cost of Repair.

Some orders have been dispatch'd to you from the other Department which we imagine had not reach'd you when your last Letter came away as they make it necessary for us to defer complying with your request to come to Madras.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. DECR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 140.

TO JOHN LEWIN SMITH ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT CUDDALORE.

GENTLEMEN

As the Ship to be dispatch'd home will arrive early in Janry. in order to your getting in as much Cloth and as early as possible we recommend that you pay the Merchants for their Cloth as fast as they bring it in especially those whom you intend to employ again. We are apprehensive that without such encouragement We may be disappointed of Tonnage to dispatch the Europe ship in good season.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
17TH. DECEMBER 1764.

ROBT. PALK.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.
GEORGE STRATTON.

No. 141.

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

If the Business of the Investment which carried you lately to Bandarmalanka is finished you have our permission to come to Madrass for a few Days especially as your presence may also be useful in some Matters relative to the other Department.

On your coming away you will deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. Dawson directing him to advice us of all occurrences.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
18TH. DECR. 1764.

ROBT. PALK &CA. COUNCIL.

N°. 142.

To John Smith Esq^R^.
Chief &C^A^. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have recd. your Letter dated the 13th. Last month.

As the Northern Investment has faild so much of late We have resolved to make a Tryal of Extending it by providing a Quantity of Cloth at Ingeram. Mr. Dolben has been appointed to this service and will proceed thither in a few Days, as Upparah will be most convenient for his Management, and his Intercourse with the Merchants there shoud not be interrupted, you are not to enter into any new Contracts with the Merchants there, but confine your attention to the providing of Cloths in the Boney and Tuney Countries as we recommended to M^r^. Health in our Letter of the 24th. November 1762.

You must be mindful to send up your Bales as early as possible that we may be provided with a sufficient Tonnage for the Dispatch of our ship to Europe in good season.

We are endeavouring to send you a supply of Madrass Pagodas which we hope will be with you in time for the next years Investment.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort S^T^. George
22^D^. Dec^R^. 1764.

Rob^T^. Palk.
String^R^. Lawrence.
Cha^S^. Bourchier.
Rich^D^. Fairfield.
Sam^L^. Ardley.
Cha^S^. Turner.
George Stratton.

N°. 143.

To John Pybus Esq^R^.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have rec'd your Letter Dated the 3^d^. Inst^t^.

The Northern Investment having faild so much of late we have some hopes of extending it by getting a Quantity of Cloth provided at Ingeram. M^r^. Dolben now proceeds thither on this service and as we may not all times be able to furnish him from hence with the supplies of Cash he may be in want of to carry our Intentions into execution, you will assist him from time to time on his application with such sums as can be spared from your own occasions.

As it has been represented to us that having the Long Cloth ordinary of 14 Punjums and at 34 Pagodas p^r^. Corge and encreasing the Long Cloth Fine of 24 Punjums from 60 to 62½ Pagodas p^r^. Corge may be a means of increasing the Investment without prejudice to the Manufacture, We have empowered M^r^. Dolben to make a Contract on those Terms if he thinks it can be effected with a greater probability of success than the Method now in practice. If you judge it will answer also at Bandarmalanka, you have our permission to proceed on the same Plan taking care not to interfere with the Merchants who may be employed at Ingeram and M^r^. Dolben has also our Directions to avoid the

same with your merchants at Bandamalanka and we recommend that when any new Merchants offer themselves as well as on all other occasions where it may be necessary the Residents consult with each other to prevent any misunderstanding between the two Factories to the Prejudice of the Investment.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
22d. Decr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 144.

To Mr. George Dolben.

Sir

The progress of the Nortward Investment having been much impeded since our endeavors to improve the Manufacture of the Long Cloth by increasing the Number of Punjums, and requiring them to be of the full Lengths and Breadths ordered by the Company, it becomes necessary to try every possible means of extending it from the great Trade carried on at present at Jaggernautporum by the Dutch and formerly by the French at Yanam we are willing to see what may be done in that neighbourhood and have therefore resolved to send a person to Ingeram to make the Tryal.

The knowledge and experience you have had in this Branch during your Long Residence to the Northward and the satisfaction you have given us in your Conduct of the Investment at Bandarmalanka has induced us to appoint you to this Service. You will therefore proceed to Ingeram as soon as possible and after obtaining all the Information you are able how far the making an Investment there may appear practicable, acquaint us immediately with the Result of your Enquiries.

But as no time shou'd be lost in attempting an Investment at Ingeram If you think the Plan you have recommended of having the Long Cloth ordinary of 14 Punjums at 34 Pagodas pr. Corge & increasing the Long Cloth Fine of 24 Punjums from 60 to 62½ Pags. pr. Corge can be effected with a greater probability of Success than the Method now in practice, you have our permission to proceed in it without Delay.

If this project is likely to be attended with success we may hereafter Determine to build a Factory house at Corinja near Ingeram but this we would Defer untill we can judge of your success as well as of the most convenient spot for making a Factory, which shoud be so situated as to be convenient to be fortified if hereafter it shoud be thought necessary; in the mean time you may reside in the old Factory House at Ingeram to which you may give such temporary Repairs as will make it barely habible. during your Residence there, and the Materials may afterwards be applied to the new factory House.

As Upparah from its neighbourhood will naturally fall under your Department, and the expense of Cooley hire to Vizagapatam will be thereby saved which was formerly paid and must always be a Tax on the Investm. We shall write to the Gentlemen there not to make any new Contracts with the Upparah Merchants.

You must take care not to interfere with the Merchants that may be employed at Bandarmalanka and when any new Merchants offer themselves as well as on every other occasion where it may be necessary you are to consult with the Resident at Bandarmalanka to prevent any misunderstanding between the two factories to the Prejudice of the Investment.

Mr. Pybus the Chief at Mazulipatam shall be directed to supply you from time to time with what Money you may have occasion for and he can conveniently spare and we have ordered twelve Thousand Madrass Pagodas to be deliver'd to you with an Escort of seapoys. Your accounts are to be transmitted to us every month.

You are to charge fifty Pagodas for your Travelling expences to Ingeram where you are to have the same allowance and be at present on the same Establishment as at Bandarmalanka.

We have appointed Mr. Stonehouse your assistant who is to receive ten Pagodas a month for his Diet allowance and you are to pay his Charges overland

If you can find means to gett off any Quantity of Broad Cloth at Ingeram you will acquaint us that we may supply you accordingly.

You are to be particularly careful in your Enquiries into the Characters and Abilities of the Merchants with whom you contract that none be employed but men on whose Diligence and Honesty you can Depend.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
24th. December 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 145.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

If the Dutch Chief at Jaggernautporum shoud desire Bills on us for any sum of Madrass Pagodas paid into your Cash on the Companys Account We direct that you grant Bills on us accordingly payable here in Current Pagodas at the Exchange Madras Pagodas may be at when the Bills become due.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
24th. Decr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 146.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.

Chief &ca. Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 16th. Instt. and the Delinquents accused of Making Base Coin as well as those of Robbery are since arrived with the returning Escort of Seapoys. The Robbers must undoubtedly be brought to their Tryal but in cases that are not so heinous the Delinquents shoud be punished on the spot.

As the Tappies to Negapatam were placed to give us Intelligence during the Troubles to the So.wd. they are now to be discontinued between Cuddalore and that settlement.

We desire you will acquaint us who John Forrester is that appears by your Accts. for Novr. to receive a subsistance of Fans. 3–20.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
26th. Decr. 1764.

Robt. Palk.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas. Bourchier.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
George Stratton.

No. 147.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.

President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 19th. November We receivd by his Majestys ship the York which arrived with us the 16th. Instant.

If Mathew Templeton shou'd come this Way we shall take care to have him seized & sent to England as you have desired.

We have drawn on your Honor &ca. a Sett of Bills of Exchange for Current Rupees five Thousand four Hundred in favor of Mr. William Majendie & Nicholas Grueber for value receiv'd here of Mr. Peter Perring.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Ser[vants]

Fort St. George
31st. Decr. 1764.

Robt. Palk &ca. Council.

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